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# Introduction

**Welcome to 501 Sentence Completion Questions!** This book is designed to help you prepare for the verbal and reading sections of many assessment and entrance exams. By completing the 501 sample items offered here and by studying their answer explanations, you will develop the skills necessary to tackle each type of sentence completion question. You will also improve your vocabulary and your process of elimination skills.

Sentence completions test your ability to use the information found in complex, but incomplete, sentences in order to correctly complete the sentences. Sentence completions test two separate aspects of your verbal skills: your vocabulary and your ability to follow the internal logic of sentences. These sentences are often quite complex. Fortunately, there are some strategies that will greatly increase your score on these questions. Each of these questions has one blank (or, on some tests, two blanks) within a single sentence. Often the sentences are long and difficult to follow, but with practice you can learn to master them.

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Many standardized tests—including high school and college entrance exams and civil service exams—use sentence completion questions to test vocabulary and logic. Some of the “alphabet soup” of exams that contain sentence completions are the:

- SAT I exam
- PSAT/NMSQT exam
- GRE General test
- TOEFL/TOEIC exams
- ISEE
- GRT

You might wonder what kinds of strategies you can use to master sentence completions. When it comes to sentence completions, the word that does *not* appear is the key to the meaning of the sentence. The words that *do* appear offer *clues* to the missing word. If you can find out how the words that appear are connected, you can find the correct answer. This means that you must know more than just the meaning of the words involved. You must also understand the logic of the sentence. Here is a sampling of strategies:

- Read the entire sentence saying “blank” for the blank(s). This gives you an overall sense of the meaning of the sentence and helps you figure out how the parts of the sentence relate to each other. If an answer occurs to you before you even look at the choices, you may have a synonym for the answer or the answer itself.
- Pay special attention to introductory and transitional words—*but, although, however, yet, even though*—because they are key to forming the logical structure of the sentence.
- Be sure your choice is both logical and grammatically correct.
- If you don’t know some words, use elimination and educated guessing, which means you are able to eliminate

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one or more of the choices as definitely wrong; or guessing from context when you know a related word.

There are several types of sentence completions:

- restatement
- comparison
- contrast
- cause and effect

Here is an example of a cause-and-effect sentence completion question:

After a brief and violent \_\_\_\_\_ that ousted the president, General Monsanto declared himself the dictator of the country.

- a. nuance
- b. coup
- c. solicitation
- d. upbraiding
- e. lament

The answer is choice **b**. A *coup* (n.) is a sudden and decisive change of leadership illegally or by force, a takeover. What (the cause) led the general to declare himself dictator (the result)? Something *brief and violent, that ousted the president*, a coup.

Here is an example of a restatement question:

The city council formed a committee to simplify several dozen \_\_\_\_\_ city ordinances that were unnecessarily complicated and out-of-date.

- a. feckless
- b. empirical
- c. byzantine
- d. slovenly
- e. pedantic

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The answer is choice **c**, *byzantine*, an adjective that means “highly complicated and intricate.” Here, you are looking for a restatement of the clue words *complicated* and *out-of-date*, and for something that needs *simplifying*.

As you practice sentence completions, you may discover *signal* words and phrases—clues that help you choose the correct answer. Here are common signal words and an example for each kind of question:

**Restatement:** *namely, in other words, in fact, that is*

Example: The pickpocket was a trickster, *in other words*, a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(The answer, which restates “trickster,” might be *knaves* or *scoundrel*.)

**Comparison:** *likewise, similarly, and, just as, as \_\_\_\_\_ as, for example, as shown, as illustrated by*

Example: Anna was cleared of all charges; *similarly*, Sam was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(The answer compares to being “cleared of all charges,” so perhaps Sam was *vindicated*.)

**Contrast:** *though, although, however; despite, but, yet; on the other hand, but, however; despite, or on the contrary*

Example: *Although* the tiger is a solitary beast, its cousin the lion is a \_\_\_\_\_ animal.

(The answer is something that contrasts with “solitary,” such as *gregarious* or *sociable*.)

**Cause and effect:** *thus, therefore, consequently, and because and phrases such as due to, as a result, leads to*

Example: A truck stole her parking spot; *consequently*, Sally’s \_\_\_\_\_ look showed her displeasure.

(The answer would be a look caused by someone stealing Sally’s parking spot, maybe *scowling* or *sullen*.)

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The sentence completion question sets in this book increase in difficulty as you practice your way through them—from easy to intermediate to advanced. These divisions may reflect how challenging the vocabulary is or how complex the sentence structure is or how challenging the logic of the sentence is.

The 501 Skill Builder in Focus exercises will help you prepare for an exam in several ways. First, you will become familiar with the question format. You will get used to identifying the relationships of words within a sentence. The more comfortable you are with the question format and the more familiar you are with the range of sentence completion types, the easier the verbal or reading section of your test will be.

Second, your performance on these questions will help you assess your vocabulary strengths and weaknesses. For example, you may find that you do very well with words that are cognates (words from a common original form, such as *asteroid* and *astronomy*), but not so well on foreign words, such as *ennui* or *angst*.

Third, you will learn, through practice, to spot and disregard wrong answer choices. You may also discover a pattern to your wrong answers. (Are you weak on cause-and-effect questions?)

In addition to this book, look for other sources of vocabulary growth: software, audio and online courses, and books. One helpful resource is LearningExpress's *Vocabulary and Spelling Success in 20 Minutes a Day*, which helps boost your vocabulary and your verbal test scores.

You have already taken an important step toward improving your score. You have shown your commitment by purchasing this book. Now what you need to do is complete each exercise, study the answers, and watch your ability to solve sentence completions increase. Good luck!



# Chapter 1

1. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was \_\_\_\_\_.

  - a. blighted
  - b. confutative
  - c. ravenous
  - d. ostentatious
  - e. blissful
  
2. The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_ in the dialogue.

  - a. vulgarity
  - b. verbosity
  - c. vocalizations
  - d. garishness
  - e. tonality

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**3.** His neighbors found his \_\_\_\_\_ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.

- a. insentient
- b. magisterial
- c. reparatory
- d. restorative
- e. modest

**4.** Steven is always \_\_\_\_\_ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.

- a. legible
- b. tolerable
- c. punctual
- d. literal
- e. belligerent

**5.** Candace would \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.

- a. advocate
- b. provoke
- c. perforate
- d. lamente
- e. expunge

**6.** The dress Ariel wore \_\_\_\_\_ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.

- a. titillated
- b. reiterated
- c. scintillated
- d. enthralled
- e. striated

**7.** Being able to afford this luxury car will \_\_\_\_\_ getting a better-paying job.

- a. maximize
- b. recombinant
- c. reiterate
- d. necessitate
- e. reciprocate

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**8.** Levina unknowingly \_\_\_\_\_ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.

- a. coerced
- b. proclaimed
- c. abetted
- d. sanctioned
- e. solicited

**9.** Shakespeare, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ writer, entertained audiences by writing many tragic and comic plays.

- a. numeric
- b. obstinate
- c. dutiful
- d. prolific
- e. generic

**10.** I had the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.

- a. satisfactory
- b. commendable
- c. galling
- d. acceptable
- e. acute

**11.** Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and \_\_\_\_\_ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.

- a. reprimand
- b. upbraid
- c. abdicate
- d. winnow
- e. extol

**12.** If you will not do your work of your own \_\_\_\_\_, I have no choice but to penalize you if it is not done on time.

- a. predilection
- b. coercion
- c. excursion
- d. volition
- e. infusion

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**13.** After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. malodorous  
b. prevalent  
c. imposing  
d. perforated  
e. emphatic

**14.** Giulia soon discovered the source of the \_\_\_\_\_ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet.  
a. quaint  
b. fastidious  
c. clandestine  
d. laconic  
e. fetid

**15.** After making \_\_\_\_\_ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.  
a. hospitable  
b. itinerant  
c. enterprising  
d. chivalrous  
e. irreverent

**16.** With her \_\_\_\_\_ eyesight, Krystyna spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.  
a. inferior  
b. keen  
c. impressionable  
d. ductile  
e. conspiratorial

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**17.** With a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ grin, the boy quickly slipped the candy into his pocket without his mother's knowledge.

- a. jaundiced
- b. nefarious
- c. stereotypical
- d. sentimental
- e. impartial

**18.** Her \_\_\_\_\_ display of tears at work did not impress her new boss, who felt she should try to control her emotions.

- a. maudlin
- b. meritorious
- c. precarious
- d. plausible
- e. schematic

**19.** Johan argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are \_\_\_\_\_ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."

- a. acquitted
- b. steadfast
- c. tenuous
- d. complicit
- e. nullified

**20.** The authorities, fearing a \_\_\_\_\_ of their power, called for a military state in the hopes of restoring order.

- a. subversion
- b. premonition
- c. predilection
- d. infusion
- e. inversion

**21.** The story's bitter antagonist felt such great \_\_\_\_\_ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.

- a. insurgence
- b. malevolence
- c. reciprocation
- d. declamation
- e. preference

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**22.** It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. bankruptcy  
b. usury  
c. novice  
d. kleptomania  
e. flagrancy

**23.** The \_\_\_\_\_ weather patterns of the tropical island meant tourists had to carry both umbrellas and sunglasses.  
a. impertinent  
b. supplicant  
c. preeminent  
d. illustrative  
e. kaleidoscopic

**24.** Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of \_\_\_\_\_ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.  
a. hirsute  
b. acrimonious  
c. plaintive  
d. deciduous  
e. votive

**25.** Kym was \_\_\_\_\_ in choosing her friends, so her parties were attended by vastly different and sometimes bizarre personalities.  
a. indispensible  
b. indiscriminate  
c. commensurate  
d. propulsive  
e. indisputable

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### Answers

- 1.** c. *Ravenous* (adj.) means extremely hungry.
- 2.** a. *Vulgarity* (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.
- 3.** b. *Magisterial* (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.
- 4.** c. *Punctual* (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.
- 5.** b. To *provoke* (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.
- 6.** c. To *scintillate* (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.
- 7.** d. To *necessitate* (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.
- 8.** c. To *abet* (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
- 9.** d. *Prolific* (adj.) means abundantly creative.
- 10.** c. *Galling* (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.
- 11.** c. To *abdicate* (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.
- 12.** d. *Volition* (n.) means accord; an act or exercise of will.
- 13.** a. *Malodorous* (adj.) means having a foul-smelling odor.
- 14.** e. *Fetid* (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.
- 15.** e. *Irreverent* (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.
- 16.** b. *Keen* (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception.

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**17.** b. *Nefarious* (adj.) means wicked, vicious, or evil.

**18.** a. *Maudlin* (adj.) means excessively and weakly sentimental or tearfully emotional.

**19.** d. *Complicit* (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.

**20.** a. *Subversion* (n.) means an overthrow, as from the foundation.

**21.** b. *Malevolence* (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.

**22.** b. *Usury* (n.) is the lending of money at exorbitant interest rates.

**23.** e. *Kaleidoscopic* (adj.) means continually changing or quickly shifting.

**24.** e. *Votive* (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.

**25.** b. *Indiscriminate* (adj.) means not discriminating or choosing randomly; haphazard; without distinction.

# Chapter 2

**26.** Phillip's \_\_\_\_\_ tone endeared him to his comical friends, but irritated his serious father.

- a. aloof
- b. jesting
- c. grave
- d. earnest
- e. conservative

**27.** Brian's pale Irish skin was \_\_\_\_\_ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.

- a. prone
- b. urbane
- c. eminent
- d. erect
- e. daunted

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**28.** A fan of historical fiction, Joline is now reading a novel about slavery in the \_\_\_\_\_ South.

- a. decorous
- b. rogue
- c. droll
- d. antebellum
- e. onerous

**29.** Over the years the Wilsons slowly \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Jacksons' property, moving the stone markers that divided their lots farther and farther onto the Jacksons' land.

- a. encroached
- b. jettisoned
- c. conjoined
- d. repudiated
- e. teemed

**30.** Mary became \_\_\_\_\_ at typing because she practiced every day for six months.

- a. proficient
- b. reflective
- c. dormant
- d. redundant
- e. valiant

**31.** To find out what her husband bought for her birthday, Susan attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ his family members about his recent shopping excursions.

- a. prescribe
- b. probe
- c. alienate
- d. converge
- e. revere

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**32.** Juan's friends found him in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood after he learned he would be homecoming king.

- a. jovial
- b. stealthy
- c. paltry
- d. gullible
- e. depleted

**33.** His suit of armor made the knight \_\_\_\_\_ to his enemy's attack, and he was able to escape safely to his castle.

- a. vulnerable
- b. churlish
- c. invulnerable
- d. static
- e. imprudent

**34.** Choosing a small, fuel-efficient car is a \_\_\_\_\_ purchase for a recent college graduate.

- a. corrupt
- b. tedious
- c. unhallowed
- d. sardonic
- e. judicious

**35.** Such a \_\_\_\_\_ violation of school policy should be punished by nothing less than expulsion.

- a. copious
- b. flagrant
- c. raucous
- d. nominal
- e. morose

**36.** With all of the recent negative events in her life, she felt \_\_\_\_\_ forces must be at work.

- a. resurgent
- b. premature
- c. malignant
- d. punctilious
- e. antecedent

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**37.** The \_\_\_\_\_ rumors did a great deal of damage even though they turned out to be false.

- a. bemused
- b. prosaic
- c. apocryphal
- d. ebullient
- e. tantamount

**38.** When her schoolwork got to be too much, Pam had a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_, which always put her further behind.

- a. dedicate
- b. rejuvenate
- c. ponder
- d. excel
- e. procrastinate

**39.** Racha's glance was a \_\_\_\_\_ invitation to speak later in private about events of the meeting.

- a. treacherous
- b. scintillating
- c. tactful
- d. tacit
- e. taboo

**40.** She reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of her career with her fourth novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize.

- a. harbinger
- b. apogee
- c. metamorphosis
- d. dictum
- e. synthesis

**41.** The \_\_\_\_\_ townspeople celebrated the soldier's return to his home by adorning trees with yellow ribbons and balloons.

- a. somber
- b. jubilant
- c. pitiless
- d. cunning
- e. unsullied

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**42.** The governor-elect was hounded by a group of \_\_\_\_\_ lobbyists and others hoping to gain favor with her administration.

- a. facetious
- b. abstruse
- c. magnanimous
- d. fawning
- e. saccharine

**43.** The mock graduation ceremony—with a trained skunk posing as the college president—was a complete \_\_\_\_\_ that offended many college officials.

- a. tempest
- b. epitome
- c. quintessence
- d. travesty
- e. recitative

**44.** The busy, \_\_\_\_\_ fabric of the clown’s tie matched his oversized jacket, which was equally atrocious.

- a. mottled
- b. bleak
- c. credible
- d. malleable
- e. communicable

**45.** Kendrick’s talent \_\_\_\_\_ under the tutelage of Anya Kowalonek, who as a young woman had been the most accomplished pianist in her native Lithuania.

- a. bantered
- b. touted
- c. flourished
- d. embellished
- e. colluded

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**46.** The children were \_\_\_\_\_ by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Kinan pointed out that the messages were in code.

- a. censured
- b. striated
- c. feigned
- d. prevaricated
- e. flummoxed

**47.** As the \_\_\_\_\_ in Romeo and Juliet, Romeo is a hero able to capture the audience's sympathy by continually professing his love for Juliet.

- a. protagonist
- b. enigma
- c. facade
- d. activist
- e. catechist

**48.** The chess master promised to \_\_\_\_\_ havoc upon his opponent's pawns for taking his bishop.

- a. wreak
- b. warrant
- c. ensue
- d. placate
- e. endow

**49.** I have always admired Seymour's \_\_\_\_\_; I've never seen him rattled by anything.

- a. aplomb
- b. confluence
- c. propriety
- d. compunction
- e. nostalgia

**50.** The soldiers received a military \_\_\_\_\_ to inspect all their vehicles before traveling.

- a. allotment
- b. dominion
- c. affectation
- d. calculation
- e. mandate

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### Answers

**26.** b. *Jesting* (adj.) means characterized by making jests; joking; playful.

**27.** a. *Prone* (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.

**28.** d. *Antebellum* (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.

**29.** a. To *encroach* (v.) means to gradually or stealthily take the rights or possessions of another; to advance beyond proper or formal limits; trespass.

**30.** a. *Proficient* (adj.) means well versed in any business or branch of learning; adept.

**31.** b. To *probe* (v.) is to examine thoroughly; tentatively survey.

**32.** a. *Jovial* (adj.) means showing hearty good cheer; marked with the spirit of jolly merriment.

**33.** c. *Invulnerable* (adj.) means incapable of being damaged or wounded; unassailable or invincible.

**34.** e. *Judicious* (adj.) means being wise or prudent; showing good judgment; sensible.

**35.** b. *Flagrant* (adj.) means conspicuously and outrageously bad, offensive, or reprehensible.

**36.** c. *Malignant* (adj.) means disposed to cause distress or inflict suffering intentionally; inclining to produce death; an injurious infiltration.

**37.** c. *Apocryphal* (adj.) means of questionable authenticity or doubtful authority; fictitious, false.

**38.** e. To *procrastinate* (v.) is to put off from day to day.

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**39.** c. *Tacit* (adj.) means unspoken yet understood.

**40.** b. *Apogee* (n.) means the highest or farthest point, culmination; the point in its orbit where a satellite is at the greatest distance from the body it is orbiting.

**41.** b. *Jubilant* (adj.) means rejoicing; expressing joyfulness; exulting.

**42.** d. *Fawning* (adj.) means attempting to win favor or attention by excessive flattery, ingratiating displays of affection, or servile compliance; obsequious.

**43.** d. *Travesty* (n.) means a parody; a grotesque imitation with the intent to ridicule.

**44.** a. *Mottled* (adj.) means blotched or spotted with different colors or shades.

**45.** c. To *flourish* (v.) is (of artists) to be in a state of high productivity, excellence, or influence; to grow luxuriously, thrive; to fare well, prosper, increase in wealth, honor, comfort or whatever is desirable; to make bold, sweeping movements.

**46.** e. To *flummox* (v.) is to confuse, perplex, bewilder.

**47.** a. A *protagonist* (n.) is the main character in a drama.

**48.** a. To *wreak* (v.) means to inflict, as a revenge or punishment.

**49.** a. *aplomb* (n.) is self-assurance, composure, poise, especially under strain.

**50.** e. *Mandate* (n.) is a command or authoritative instruction.

# Chapter 3

**51.** As \_\_\_\_\_ beings we live each day conscious of our shortcomings and victories.

- a. sensational
- b. sentient
- c. sentimental
- d. static
- e. senile

**52.** The curious crowd gathered to watch the irate customer \_\_\_\_\_ about the poor service he received in the restaurant.

- a. antiquate
- b. trivialize
- c. rant
- d. placate
- e. fetter

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**53.** The man's \_\_\_\_\_ driving resulted in a four-car pile-up on the freeway.

- a. burdensome
- b. charismatic
- c. exceptional
- d. boastful
- e. negligent

**54.** Ron didn't know the rules of rugby, but he could tell by the crowd's reaction that it was a critical \_\_\_\_\_ in the game.

- a. acclamation
- b. conviction
- c. juncture
- d. enigma
- e. revelation

**55.** My ancestor who lost his life in the Revolutionary War was a \_\_\_\_\_ for American independence.

- a. knave
- b. reactionary
- c. compatriot
- d. nonconformist
- e. martyr

**56.** The \_\_\_\_\_ sound of the radiator as it released steam became an increasingly annoying distraction.

- a. sibilant
- b. scintillating
- c. diverting
- d. sinuous
- e. scurrilous

**57.** It is helpful for salesmen to develop a good \_\_\_\_\_ with their customers in order to gain their trust.

- a. platitude
- b. rapport
- c. ire
- d. tribute
- e. disinclination

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**58.** In such a small office setting, the office manager found he had \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities that required knowledge in a variety of different topics.

- a. heedless
- b. complementary
- c. mutual
- d. manifold
- e. correlative

**59.** David's \_\_\_\_\_ entrance on stage disrupted the scene and caused the actors to flub their lines.

- a. untimely
- b. precise
- c. lithe
- d. fortuitous
- e. tensile

**60.** The settlers found an ideal location with plenty of \_\_\_\_\_ land for farming and a mountain stream for fresh water and irrigation.

- a. candid
- b. provincial
- c. arable
- d. timid
- e. quaint

**61.** The \_\_\_\_\_ seventh-grader towered over the other players on his basketball team.

- a. gangling
- b. studious
- c. mimetic
- d. abject
- e. reserved

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**62.** Carson was at first flattered by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his new colleagues, but he soon realized that their admiration rested chiefly on his connections, not his accomplishments.

- a. reprisal
- b. adulation
- c. bulwark
- d. rapport
- e. retinue

**63.** For a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ fee, it is possible to upgrade from regular gasoline to premium.

- a. nominal
- b. judgmental
- c. existential
- d. bountiful
- e. jovial

**64.** Searching frantically to find the hidden jewels, the thieves proceeded to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire house.

- a. justify
- b. darken
- c. amplify
- d. ransack
- e. glorify

**65.** The \_\_\_\_\_ deer stuck close to its mother when venturing out into the open field.

- a. starling
- b. foundling
- c. yearling
- d. begrudging
- e. hatchling

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**66.** The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd to step back from the fire so that no one would get hurt.

- a. undulated
- b. enjoined
- c. stagnated
- d. permeated
- e. delineated

**67.** Jackson's poor typing skills were a \_\_\_\_\_ to finding employment at the nearby office complex.

- a. benefit
- b. hindrance
- c. partiality
- d. temptation
- e. canon

**68.** Through \_\_\_\_\_, the chef created a creamy sauce by combining brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon in a pan and cooking them over medium-high heat.

- a. impasse
- b. obscurity
- c. decadence
- d. diversion
- e. liquefaction

**69.** The defendant claimed that he was innocent and that his confession was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. coerced
- b. flagrant
- c. terse
- d. benign
- e. futile

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**70.** Harvey was discouraged that his visa application was \_\_\_\_\_ due to his six convictions.

- a. lethargic
- b. immeasurable
- c. nullified
- d. segregated
- e. aggravated

**71.** The rebel spies were charged with \_\_\_\_\_ and put on trial.

- a. sedition
- b. attrition
- c. interaction
- d. reiteration
- e. perdition

**72.** Keith was \_\_\_\_\_ in his giving to friends and charities throughout the year, not just during the holidays.

- a. munificent
- b. portly
- c. amphibious
- d. guileful
- e. forensic

**73.** Calvin reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career in his early thirties when he became president and CEO of a software company.

- a. zephyr
- b. plethora
- c. vale
- d. nocturne
- e. zenith

**74.** Although I'd asked a simple "yes" or "no" question, Irfan's reply was \_\_\_\_\_, and I didn't know how to interpret it.

- a. prodigal
- b. irate
- c. equivocal
- d. voracious
- e. harrowing

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**75.** The high-profile company CEO was given an \_\_\_\_\_ for speaking at the monthly meeting of the area business leaders' society.

- a. expiation
- b. honorarium
- c. inoculation
- d. interpretation
- e. inquisition

## Answers

**51.** b. *Sentient* (adj.) means possessing the power of sense or sense-perception; conscious.

**52.** c. To *rant* (v.) means to speak loudly or violently.

**53.** e. *Negligent* (adj.) means to habitually lack in giving proper care or attention; having a careless manner.

**54.** c. *Juncture* (n.) is a point of time, especially one that is at a critical point.

**55.** e. A *martyr* (n.) is one who sacrifices something of supreme value, such as a life, for a cause or principle; a victim; one who suffers constantly.

**56.** a. *Sibilant* (adj.) means characterized by a hissing sound.

**57.** b. A *rapport* (n.) is a relationship that is useful and harmonious.

**58.** d. *Manifold* (adj.) means many and varied; of many kinds; multiple.

**59.** a. *Untimely* (adj.) means happening before the proper time.

**60.** c. *Arable* (adj.) means suitable for cultivation, fit for plowing and farming productively.

**61.** a. *Gangling* (adj.) means awkward, lanky, or unusually tall and thin.

**62.** b. *Adulation* (n.) means strong or excessive admiration or praise; fawning flattery.

**63.** a. *Nominal* (adj.) means small, virtually nothing, or much below the actual value of a thing.

**64.** d. To *ransack* (v.) means to thoroughly search, to plunder, pillage.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**65.** c. A *yearling* (n.) is a young animal past its first year but not yet two years old.

**66.** b. To *enjoin* (v.) means to issue an order or command; to direct or impose with authority.

**67.** b. *Hindrance* (n.) is an impediment or obstruction; a state of being hindered; a cause of being prevented or impeded.

**68.** e. *Liquefaction* (n.) is the process of liquefying a solid or making a liquid.

**69.** a. To *coerce* (v.) is to force to do through pressure, threats, or intimidation; to compel.

**70.** c. To *nullify* (v.) means to make invalid or nonexistent.

**71.** a. *Sedition* (n.) means resistance, insurrection; conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.

**72.** a. *Munificent* (adj.) means extremely generous or liberal in giving; lavish.

**73.** e. *Zenith* (n.) means the highest point of any path or course.

**74.** c. *Equivocal* (adj.) means open to two or more interpretations, ambiguous and often intended to mislead; open to question, uncertain.

**75.** b. *Honorarium* (n.) is payment or reward for services for which payment is not usually required.



# Chapter 4

**76.** Zachary was doomed to a miserable life, for no matter how much he had, he always \_\_\_\_\_ the possessions of others.

- a. protracted
- b. exalted
- c. engendered
- d. coveted
- e. filibustered

**77.** Sheila's grueling hike included passing through numerous \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. terrariums
- b. neoprene
- c. jurisdictions
- d. ravines
- e. belfries

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**78.** The college professor was known on campus as a \_\_\_\_\_ character—bland but harmless and noble in his ideals.

- a. staid
- b. stagnant
- c. auspicious
- d. sterile
- e. dogmatic

**79.** Because he was so \_\_\_\_\_, the athlete was able to complete the obstacle course in record time.

- a. belligerent
- b. nimble
- c. demure
- d. volatile
- e. speculative

**80.** The toy store's extensive inventory offered a \_\_\_\_\_ of toys from baby items to video games for teenagers.

- a. manifold
- b. lexicon
- c. burrow
- d. gamut
- e. motif

**81.** With sunscreen and a good book, April \_\_\_\_\_ by the pool in her lounge chair while the children swam.

- a. ensconced
- b. sustained
- c. expelled
- d. transcended
- e. lolled

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**82.** NaQuan had a terrible habit of boasting so much about his smallest accomplishments that his \_\_\_\_\_ became renowned throughout the small college campus.

- a. vainglory
- b. timidity
- c. diffidence
- d. tempestuousness
- e. mockery

**83.** Only a small number of people in the audience laughed at the comic's \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor, while the rest found him to be too sarcastic.

- a. consequential
- b. avaricious
- c. venturous
- d. dauntless
- e. mordant

**84.** He has long been a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of year-round school, believing it would significantly improve learning and ease the burden on working parents.

- a. advocate
- b. levity
- c. detractor
- d. epiphany
- e. connoisseur

**85.** Tired of hearing the child whine for more candy, the babysitter finally \_\_\_\_\_ and offered him a piece of chocolate.

- a. relented
- b. abated
- c. rendered
- d. placated
- e. enumerated

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**86.** Dogs growl and show their teeth in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the animal or person they perceive as a threat.

- a. bolster
- b. waylay
- c. cow
- d. exacerbate
- e. appease

**87.** In biology class, Sabine observed the slug's \_\_\_\_\_, its barely discernible movement in the tank.

- a. parody
- b. prescience
- c. torpor
- d. insight
- e. vigor

**88.** The \_\_\_\_\_ instinct of a watchdog is to attack strangers who enter its home.

- a. judicious
- b. intimate
- c. pragmatic
- d. melancholy
- e. primal

**89.** The battalion's \_\_\_\_\_ was a well-fortified structure near the enemy lines.

- a. labyrinth
- b. summary
- c. villa
- d. vinculum
- e. garrison

**90.** Much to my surprise, my teenage daughter was \_\_\_\_\_ to the idea of going out with me on Friday night instead of with her friends.

- a. contrite
- b. impartial
- c. partisan
- d. deferential
- e. amenable

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**91.** The enormous waves forced the lobster boat to \_\_\_\_\_ heavily to the starboard side, causing crates of lobsters to topple and fall into the ocean.

- a. trifle
- b. degenerate
- c. list
- d. expedite
- e. disseminate

**92.** Walking through the \_\_\_\_\_ forest in spring was a welcome escape from the cold, gray winter we had spent in the city.

- a. pliant
- b. verdant
- c. factious
- d. bland
- e. innocuous

**93.** Nina called the humane society when she saw her neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ his dog.

- a. mandate
- b. forebode
- c. maltreat
- d. stipulate
- e. peruse

**94.** Meredith used the \_\_\_\_\_ to steer the horse and keep him in line.

- a. jolt
- b. bristle
- c. chine
- d. quirt
- e. hearth

**95.** Oliver was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ himself from the difficulties he had caused by forging the documents.

- a. reprove
- b. pique
- c. oust
- d. extricate
- e. broach

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**96.** The \_\_\_\_\_ of our expedition was still so far away that I felt we would never get there.

- a. nadir
- b. terminus
- c. speculation
- d. apex
- e. dungeon

**97.** If he expected to \_\_\_\_\_ as a doctor, Lou knew he would have to study hard in medical school and work long hours to gain experience and skill.

- a. perpetrate
- b. palliate
- c. palpitate
- d. prosper
- e. mediate

**98.** Doc Wilson grew up in Florida and was not prepared to face the \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the Alaskan winter.

- a. freshwater
- b. gelid
- c. compendious
- d. subsidiary
- e. improvident

**99.** Marvin's \_\_\_\_\_ prevented him from finishing his work and was evidenced in his large phone bills.

- a. loquacity
- b. heroism
- c. decadence
- d. depreciation
- e. rescission

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**100.** The graph clearly showed the company reaching the \_\_\_\_\_ in profits during the 1980s when the economy was in a boom period.

- a. narthex
- b. gullet
- c. gamut
- d. quiescence
- e. vertex

**Answers**

**76.** d. To *covet* (v.) is to wish or long for; to feel immoderate desire for that which belongs to another.

**77.** d. A *ravine* (n.) is a deep narrow canyon.

**78.** a. *Staid* (adj.) means of a steady and sober character; prudently reserved and colorless.

**79.** b. *Nimble* (adj.) is quick and light in movement, to be agile.

**80.** d. A *gamut* (n.) is an entire range or a whole series.

**81.** e. To *loll* (v.) is to lean, recline, or act lazily or indolently; lounge.

**82.** a. *Vainglory* (n.) means excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.

**83.** e. *Mordant* (adj.) means bitingly sarcastic or harshly caustic.

**84.** a. An *advocate* (n.) is one who argues for a cause, a supporter or defender; one who pleads on another's behalf.

**85.** a. To *relent* (v.) means to yield or comply.

**86.** c. To *cow* (v.) is to intimidate, frighten with threats or show of force.

**87.** c. *Torpor* (n.) means extreme sluggishness; lethargy or apathy; dullness.

**88.** e. *Primal* (adj.) means primary, the first in order or the original; primitive.

**89.** e. A *garrison* (n.) is a fort or outpost where troops are stationed; any military post.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**90.** e. *Amenable* (adj.) means disposed or willing to comply; responsive, willing; responsible to a higher authority, accountable.

**91.** c. To *list* (v.) (related to a vessel) is to incline or to cause to lean to one side.

**92.** b. *Verdant* (adj.) means green with vegetation.

**93.** c. To *maltreat* (v.) means to treat poorly; abuse.

**94.** d. A *quirt* (n.) is a riding whip with a short handle and braided rawhide leash.

**95.** d. To *extricate* (v.) is to release from an entanglement or difficulty, disengage.

**96.** b. The *terminus* (n) is the final point or goal; the final stop on a transportation line.

**97.** d. To *prosper* (v.) means to be successful.

**98.** b. *Gelid* (adj.) means icy or extremely cold; possessing a cold or unfriendly manner.

**99.** a. *Loquacity* (n.) is talkativeness; the state of continual talking.

**100.** e. *Vertex* (n.) means the highest point of anything; the apex or summit.



# Chapter 5

**101.** Amie agrees with the \_\_\_\_\_ that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.

- a. perpetuity
- b. penchant
- c. maxim
- d. conformation
- e. fortitude

**102.** Victor Frankenstein's creature was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, detested by everyone he met.

- a. itinerant
- b. anathema
- c. cosmopolitan
- d. mercenary
- e. anomaly

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**103.** Jack Nicholson was at the \_\_\_\_\_ of his career when he received the Oscar for Best Actor.

- a. detriment
- b. pinnacle
- c. oligarchy
- d. rogue
- e. repose

**104.** Ariana was outstanding as the moderator; she handled the intensely heated debate with great \_\_\_\_\_, diplomatically and tactfully keeping the conversation fair and on track.

- a. finesse
- b. pretentiousness
- c. prowess
- d. succor
- e. aversion

**105.** The class endured a loud and lengthy \_\_\_\_\_ by the teacher on the subject of submitting written work on time.

- a. guile
- b. polemic
- c. bravado
- d. tirade
- e. heresy

**106.** Lauren's \_\_\_\_\_ features, what you first noticed about her, were her stunning black hair and large, dark eyes.

- a. savvy
- b. affluent
- c. predominant
- d. universal
- e. malicious

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**107.** Whenever Tom and I would argue he would \_\_\_\_\_ with his hands and body to accentuate his point.

- a. interject
- b. infuse
- c. gesticulate
- d. conjure
- e. encumber

**108.** Must we be subjected to your \_\_\_\_\_ complaints all day long?

- a. tiresome
- b. fearsome
- c. awesome
- d. gleesome
- e. wholesome

**109.** The new political candidate refused to print \_\_\_\_\_ about her aggressive opponent, but that did not stop him from printing lies about her.

- a. dispensation
- b. assignation
- c. rendition
- d. libel
- e. compunction

**110.** Awkwardly tall and prone to tripping over her own feet, Grace felt her name was truly a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. misnomer
- b. preoccupation
- c. universality
- d. garrulity
- e. benevolence

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**111.** Although the villagers' lives were profoundly different from her own, Jing-Mae felt a deep \_\_\_\_\_ for the people when she served in the Peace Corps.

- a. reparation
- b. affinity
- c. injunction
- d. exigency
- e. analogy

**112.** Sometimes late at night Sharon would gaze joyfully at her children as they slept and \_\_\_\_\_ in their innocence.

- a. sneer
- b. ostracize
- c. revel
- d. repudiate
- e. antiquate

**113.** In the famous balcony scene, Romeo \_\_\_\_\_ Juliet's beauty in one of the most romantic soliloquies ever written.

- a. sanctions
- b. extols
- c. peruses
- d. beguiles
- e. fetters

**114.** It was \_\_\_\_\_ to think that it could possibly snow in the middle of the desert.

- a. advantageous
- b. philosophical
- c. eroding
- d. preventative
- e. preposterous

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**115.** Every evening at the restaurant, the reporter would eavesdrop on the Mayor's conversations in order to \_\_\_\_\_ any information that could make headlines.

- a. ignore
- b. glean
- c. extol
- d. extend
- e. narrate

**116.** The surgeon placed a \_\_\_\_\_ on the femoral artery to bind it during the long and exhausting surgery.

- a. ligature
- b. doctrine
- c. premise
- d. synopsis
- e. degeneration

**117.** By sheer \_\_\_\_\_ force, the men pushed the truck to the side of the road and out of danger.

- a. virile
- b. persnickety
- c. meticulous
- d. suave
- e. contentious

**118.** Based on his recent poor decisions, it was obvious that Seth lacked even a \_\_\_\_\_ of good sense.

- a. debasement
- b. diversion
- c. disapprobation
- d. submission
- e. modicum

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**119.** To settle the dispute, the students elected a faculty member to serve as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. maverick  
b. dystopia  
c. arbiter  
d. fiduciary  
e. martyr

**120.** The \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper accounts of the city scandal caused some readers to question the truth of the stories.  
a. lurid  
b. vivacious  
c. blithesome  
d. prolific  
e. amicable

**121.** The \_\_\_\_\_ man with amnesia was unable to recognize where he was.  
a. endogenous  
b. euphoric  
c. nonplussed  
d. amicable  
e. pliable

**122.** Justin's \_\_\_\_\_ solution to the problem revealed that he did not spend much time considering the consequences.  
a. facile  
b. obsolete  
c. resilient  
d. pristine  
e. ardent

**123.** The events of the evening \_\_\_\_\_ without difficulty despite the lack of planning on the part of the host.  
a. expired  
b. transpired  
c. retired  
d. ensured  
e. extorted

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**124.** It is every American person's \_\_\_\_\_ to live the life he or she chooses.

- a. composite
- b. eloquence
- c. prerogative
- d. allusion
- e. demise

**125.** After the boisterous customers left the café without tipping, Carlos \_\_\_\_\_ at them through the restaurant's front window.

- a. interjected
- b. jostled
- c. glowered
- d. emulated
- e. skulked

## Answers

**101.** c. *Maxim* (n.) is an established principle or a general truth, often a condensed version of a practical truth.

**102.** b. An *anathema* (n.) is one who is detested or shunned; one who is cursed or damned; a curse or vehement denunciation; a formal ban, curse, or excommunication.

**103.** b. A *pinnacle* (n.) is the highest level or degree available.

**104.** a. *Finesse* (n.) is the subtle, skillful handling of a situation, diplomacy, tact; refined or delicate performance or execution.

**105.** d. A *tirade* (n.) is a long and blusterous speech given especially when the speaker is denouncing someone or something.

**106.** c. *Predominant* (adj.) means most dominant, common, or frequent; to have surpassing power, influence, or authority.

**107.** c. To *gesticulate* (v.) means to use gestures or make motions; express through motion, especially while speaking.

**108.** a. *Tiresome* (adj.) means causing to be weary.

**109.** d. *Libel* (n.) is defamatory writing; misrepresentative publication (writing, pictures, signs) that damages a person's reputation.

**110.** a. *Misnomer* (n.) is a misnaming of a person or place; a wrong or unsuitable name.

**111.** b. An *affinity* (n.) is a natural attraction or liking; a feeling of kinship, connection or closeness, similarity; relationship by marriage.

**112.** c. To *revel* (v.) is to take great pleasure or delight.

**113.** b. To *extol* (v.) means to praise highly, exalt, glorify.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**114.** e. *Preposterous* (adj.) means contrary to common sense or utterly absurd.

**115.** b. To *glean* (v.) means to gather or collect slowly; to learn or discover bit by bit.

**116.** a. A *ligature* (n.) is something that ties or binds up, such as a bandage, wire, or cord.

**117.** a. *Virile* (adj.) means having masculine strength; vigorous or energetic.

**118.** e. *Modicum* (n.) is a small or token amount.

**119.** c. An *arbiter* (n.) is one selected or appointed to judge or decide a disputed issue, an arbitrator; someone with the power to settle matters at will.

**120.** a. *Lurid* (adj.) means glaringly sensational or vivid; shocking.

**121.** c. *Nonplussed* (adj.) means greatly perplexed, filled with bewilderment.

**122.** a. *Facile* (adj.) means arrived at or achieved with little difficulty or effort, thus lacking depth, superficial; performing or speaking effectively with effortless ease and fluency, adroit, eloquent.

**123.** b. To *transpire* (v.) means to come to pass, to occur.

**124.** c. *Prerogative* (n.) means an exclusive or special right or privilege.

**125.** c. To *glower* (v.) means to stare angrily or sullenly, to look intently with anger or dislike.



# Chapter 6

**126.** People often referred to Noelle as \_\_\_\_\_ because she trusted everyone and even slept with her doors unlocked.

- a. naïve
- b. elevated
- c. boastful
- d. panoramic
- e. elated

**127.** Kinnel's re-election is being threatened by a growing \_\_\_\_\_ of disgruntled union members.

- a. rogue
- b. faction
- c. pariah
- d. guise
- e. anathema

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**128.** The peasants passed their weary days in much \_\_\_\_\_ and little comfort.

- a. pertinence
- b. renown
- c. travail
- d. exile
- e. repose

**129.** Lyasia is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the clarinet; she has performed solos with many orchestras and bands around the world.

- a. neophyte
- b. novice
- c. virtuoso
- d. termagant
- e. plethora

**130.** The children knew that once their father made his decision, the new rule would be \_\_\_\_\_ because he would never change his mind.

- a. irrevocable
- b. articulate
- c. premeditated
- d. serried
- e. discourteous

**131.** The haunted house displayed \_\_\_\_\_ scenes in every room, causing squeamish visitors to scream.

- a. preparatory
- b. archaic
- c. macabre
- d. precocious
- e. impetuous

**132.** The concert audience was frustrated by the poor \_\_\_\_\_ of the sounds coming from the speakers.

- a. modulation
- b. recrimination
- c. terminus
- d. dissidence
- e. assertion

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**133.** Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me my success—I've worked hard to earn this promotion!

- a. renege
- b. begrudge
- c. excise
- d. staunch
- e. vaunt

**134.** With an \_\_\_\_\_ blow of the whistle, the meddling parent interrupted the game to reiterate the rules of the tournament.

- a. industrious
- b. illustrious
- c. eloquent
- d. officious
- e. enviable

**135.** The candidate's inappropriately sexist remark was met with a \_\_\_\_\_ of denunciations from the angry crowd.

- a. bastion
- b. fusillade
- c. mélange
- d. dichotomy
- e. solecism

**136.** The \_\_\_\_\_ employee decided to complain publicly about the unacceptable working conditions.

- a. discreet
- b. prudent
- c. precarious
- d. malcontent
- e. stupendous

**137.** The medicine man applied a sweet smelling \_\_\_\_\_ to the young brave's wounds.

- a. triad
- b. corrosive
- c. parcel
- d. unguent
- e. pungent

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**138.** The judge dismissed the extraneous evidence because it was not \_\_\_\_\_ to the trial.

- a. pertinent
- b. pretentious
- c. synonymous
- d. abject
- e. inalienable

**139.** The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the song is supposed to be reminiscent of shepherds calling to their flocks at night.

- a. vocative
- b. endemic
- c. surreptitious
- d. preternatural
- e. inane

**140.** The \_\_\_\_\_ child caused great difficulties for her parents and teachers because she refused to correct her bad behavior even in the face of punishment.

- a. adorable
- b. sincere
- c. incorrigible
- d. lamentable
- e. demure

**141.** The internist decided to treat the \_\_\_\_\_ with medication, but also recommended rest and proper nutrition.

- a. malady
- b. nonentity
- c. missive
- d. repository
- e. nonchalance

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**142.** It was such a beautiful day that I decided to go for a \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike down to the local park.

- a. expedition
- b. jaunt
- c. pilgrimage
- d. repast
- e. intimation

**143.** The castaway's hut was \_\_\_\_\_ by the natives curious to see who the intruder was upon their island.

- a. beset
- b. surmised
- c. precluded
- d. garnered
- e. lauded

**144.** Sometimes my grandmother would \_\_\_\_\_ all different types of thread so she could include more colors in the clothes she sewed.

- a. daunt
- b. raddle
- c. scrabble
- d. thrush
- e. empower

**145.** The defense attorney's choice of words \_\_\_\_\_ that there were other possible versions of the crime, but the jury was unconvinced.

- a. pervaded
- b. insinuated
- c. discounted
- d. imposed
- e. ensconced

**146.** Ted's enthusiasm for becoming a professional drum player \_\_\_\_\_ when he realized he would have to practice several hours a day.

- a. waxed
- b. waned
- c. deranged
- d. flouted
- e. preempted

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**147.** Some would say Muzak is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ form of music, a kind of background noise designed to be heard but not listened to.

- a. arable
- b. degenerate
- c. volatile
- d. pivotal
- e. exemplary

**148.** The teacher was dismissed for the \_\_\_\_\_ act of helping his students cheat on the exam.

- a. steadfast
- b. meritorious
- c. unconscionable
- d. pristine
- e. fortuitous

**149.** The reformed criminal could not forget his guilty past; he was in a living state of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. perdition
- b. tact
- c. composure
- d. principle
- e. veracity

**150.** The \_\_\_\_\_ yoga instructor waited patiently for her students to find the proper pose, which she performed with ease.

- a. unabashed
- b. lissome
- c. cosmopolitan
- d. sneering
- e. disparaging

**Answers**

**126.** a. *Naïve* (adj.) means lacking worldly experience; possessing a childlike innocence or simplicity.

**127.** b. A *faction* (n.) is a group or clique within a larger group, usually a minority, acting in unison in opposition to the larger group; internal dissension, conflict within an organization, nation, or other group.

**128.** c. *Travail* (n.) means hard or agonizing labor.

**129.** c. *Virtuoso* (n.) means a master in the technique of some particular fine art.

**130.** a. *Irrevocable* (adj.) means irreversible; not able to be revoked or recalled.

**131.** c. *Macabre* (adj.) means ghastly, horrible, or gruesome.

**132.** a. *Modulation* (n.) a regulation by or adjustment to a certain measure, such as in music or radio waves.

**133.** b. To *begrudge* (v.) means to envy the possession or enjoyment of; to give or allow with reluctance.

**134.** d. *Officious* (adj.) means marked by excessive eagerness in offering unwanted services or advice to others; unofficial.

**135.** b. A *fusillade* (n.) is a barrage; a rapid discharge of firearms, simultaneously or in rapid succession.

**136.** d. *Malcontent* (adj.) means dissatisfied, uneasy or discontent; a rebel.

**137.** d. An *unguent* (n.) is any soothing or healing ointment or lubricant for local application.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**138.** a. *Pertinent* (adj.) means applicable, related to the subject matter at hand.

**139.** a. *Vocative* (adj.) means pertaining to the act of calling.

**140.** c. *Incorrigible* (adj.) means bad to the point of being beyond correction; uncontrollable; impervious to change.

**141.** a. *Malady* (n.) is a disease or disorder.

**142.** b. A *jaunt* (n.) is usually a short journey taken for pleasure.

**143.** a. To *beset* (v.) means to surround on all sides; to annoy or harass persistently; to decorate with jewels.

**144.** b. To *raddle* (v.) means to twist together, to intertwine.

**145.** b. To *insinuate* (v.) is to hint or suggest; to intimate.

**146.** b. To *wane* (v.) means to diminish in intensity or size.

**147.** b. *Degenerate* (adj.) means having declined in quality or value, reduced from a former or original state, to degrade.

**148.** c. *Unconscionable* (adj.) means not restrained by conscience; unscrupulous.

**149.** a. *Perdition* (n.) the most modern use of the word means eternal damnation, or a hell.

**150.** b. *Lissome* (adj.) means lithe or lithesome, usually related to the body; moving or bending easily or limber.

# Chapter 7

**151.** When we first meet Romeo, he is \_\_\_\_\_ over his unrequited love for Rosaline.

- a. brooding
- b. ogling
- c. meandering
- d. embellishing
- e. groveling

**152.** Because it had been worn and washed so often, Linus's favorite t-shirt was tattered and \_\_\_\_\_ with holes.

- a. salvaged
- b. circulated
- c. riddled
- d. emulated
- e. congregated

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**153.** Henley's \_\_\_\_\_ remarks about my presentation did not bother me because I knew I'd done a good job.

- a. derogatory
- b. voracious
- c. tactile
- d. capricious
- e. amiable

**154.** Eels swim using a rapid \_\_\_\_\_ motion that propels them through the water.

- a. dissipating
- b. undulating
- c. eradicating
- d. objurgating
- e. irritating

**155.** Sick and tired of her boring job, Cecilia began to \_\_\_\_\_ what it would be like to quit.

- a. ponder
- b. disengage
- c. negate
- d. relinquish
- e. alleviate

**156.** The way my father likes to \_\_\_\_\_ with any salesperson to see if he can bargain for a lower price is embarrassing.

- a. striate
- b. variegate
- c. capitulate
- d. teem
- e. wrangle

**157.** The \_\_\_\_\_ construction crew built large new buildings all over the East Coast, wherever the demand for qualified workers took them.

- a. laconic
- b. irresolute
- c. itinerant
- d. parietal
- e. peremptory

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**158.** The CEO's large expense accounts proved she was a \_\_\_\_\_ spender with the company's money.

- a. injurious
- b. ineffectual
- c. liberal
- d. malignant
- e. insolvent

**159.** Daniela found the unchanging rhythm of the musical piece to be annoyingly \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. recusant
- b. monotonous
- c. irreverent
- d. coherent
- e. redolent

**160.** The young, thin boy surprised his wrestling opponent with his \_\_\_\_\_ strength.

- a. fraudulent
- b. wiry
- c. frolicsome
- d. pretentious
- e. endemic

**161.** The new actress's talents were severely \_\_\_\_\_ by the local critics; she went on to be a distinguished member of a well-respected acting company.

- a. underrated
- b. berated
- c. placated
- d. dissuaded
- e. interred

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**162.** To hide his insecurity, Barton often acted like a \_\_\_\_\_ so that he could make people laugh.

- a. buffoon
- b. martyr
- c. neophyte
- d. plebian
- e. wraith

**163.** When Arnold's grandmother began to complain about the excruciating pain in her knees and legs, she was referred to an \_\_\_\_\_ specialist for a diagnosis.

- a. optical
- b. oral
- c. archeological
- d. osteopathic
- e. psychological

**164.** Charlie's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior made it clear that he had been highly educated in matters of etiquette.

- a. decorous
- b. surreptitious
- c. erratic
- d. caustic
- e. irksome

**165.** Staring at the \_\_\_\_\_ crystal blue water of the sea, Eileen thought she had never seen anything so beautiful.

- a. flamboyant
- b. appalling
- c. devious
- d. pristine
- e. fiery

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**166.** Wearing the designer's latest fashions, the \_\_\_\_\_ clothing model sashayed down the runway.

- a. jaunty
- b. tranquil
- c. fanatical
- d. recessive
- e. contemplative

**167.** Given his \_\_\_\_\_ nature, it was appropriate that he decided to be a trial lawyer after law school.

- a. lackluster
- b. engrossed
- c. penitent
- d. litigious
- e. obsolete

**168.** After her relationship ended, Patty, feeling \_\_\_\_\_, insisted on playing sad love songs repeatedly.

- a. infallible
- b. plausible
- c. formative
- d. mawkish
- e. persuasive

**169.** Sanji went abroad as a \_\_\_\_\_ young man; when he returned two years later, he seemed like an experienced man of the world.

- a. sardonic
- b. egalitarian
- c. reticent
- d. callow
- e. loquacious

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**170.** Normally distinguished and reserved, Robert would act \_\_\_\_\_ when he joined his friends to cheer for their old high school team at annual the homecoming game.

- a. indignant
- b. oafish
- c. poignant
- d. reputable
- e. obdurate

**171.** The protesters were concerned that the proposed legislation would have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ effect on the state's nature preserves.

- a. scintillating
- b. deleterious
- c. insipid
- d. punctilious
- e. parsimonious

**172.** Not swayed by his student's \_\_\_\_\_ flattery, the professor told him that his grade would not be changed.

- a. forlorn
- b. striated
- c. undulating
- d. unctuous
- e. frowsy

**173.** Tonya found Isaac's public declarations of his love for her \_\_\_\_\_ and embarrassing.

- a. necrotic
- b. intriguing
- c. witless
- d. malodorous
- e. pliant

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**174.** The young kitten had a \_\_\_\_\_ look on its face when it noticed the menacing dog entering the yard.

- a. servile
- b. diligent
- c. scornful
- d. pavid
- e. optimistic

**175.** According to pirate lore, a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ would follow whoever opened the treasure chest.

- a. precursor
- b. precession
- c. rendition
- d. insurgency
- e. malediction

## Answers

**151.** a. To *brood* (v.) is to be in deep thought, to think moodily or anxiously about something; to cover over, as with wings, in order to protect; to hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing, to loom; to be silent or sullen, sulk; to sit on or hatch eggs.

**152.** c. To *riddle* (v.) means to pierce with many holes.

**153.** a. *Derogatory* (adj.) means tending to lessen in value, to detract or diminish; disparaging, belittling, injurious.

**154.** b. *Undulating* (adj.) means characterized by a wavelike motion.

**155.** a. To *ponder* (v.) is to weigh carefully in the mind.

**156.** e. To *wrangle* (v.) means to bicker, dispute, create a noisy argument.

**157.** c. *Itinerant* (adj.) means traveling from one place to another, usually on a planned course; working in one place for a short while before moving onto another place to work; wandering.

**158.** c. *Liberal* (adj.) means characterized by generosity or a willingness to give freely in large amounts; untraditional or broad-minded in beliefs.

**159.** b. *Monotonous* (adj.) means tediously lacking in variety; unvarying; repetitious.

**160.** b. *Wiry* (adj.) means thin, but tough and sinewy.

**161.** a. *Underrated* (adj.) means undervalued.

**162.** a. A *buffoon* (n.) is a ludicrous or bumbling person, a fool; someone given to clowning and amusing others through ridiculous behavior; a clown or jester.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**163.** d. *Osteopathic* (adj.) means a system of medicine pertaining to the bone and skeletal system.

**164.** a. *Decorous* (adj.) means characterized by good taste in manners and conduct, exhibiting propriety or decorum, proper.

**165.** d. *Pristine* (adj.) means pure, fresh and clean, as if new; original or primitive.

**166.** a. *Jaunty* (adj.) means sprightly in manner; stylish or smart in dress.

**167.** d. *Litigious* (adj.) means inclined to disagree or dispute, especially in lawsuits; argumentative.

**168.** d. *Mawkish* (adj.) means characterized by excessive sentimentality; overly emotional.

**169.** d. *Callow* (adj.) means lacking maturity or experience; immature, naïve.

**170.** b. *Oafish* (adj.) means acting stupid, goofy, or clumsy.

**171.** b. *Deleterious* (adj.) means having a harmful or adverse effect; destructive, hurtful, noxious.

**172.** d. *Unctuous* (adj.) means characterized by insincere earnestness; oily or fatty in appearance.

**173.** c. *Witless* (adj.) means foolish, indiscreet, or silly.

**174.** d. *Pavid* (adj.) means timid or fearful.

**175.** e. *Malediction* (n.) is a curse or a proclaiming of a curse against someone; an imprecation.



# Chapter 8

**176.** A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ spirit only causes more stress and strife; it is better to forgive and forget.

- a. apathetic
- b. restorative
- c. flaccid
- d. vindictive
- e. fortuitous

**177.** When we were renovating the old house, we found a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of \$10 and \$20 bills hidden inside the old laundry chute.

- a. odyssey
- b. matrix
- c. lament
- d. fodder
- e. cache

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**178.** Even though the pilot promised it was safe, Neil was \_\_\_\_\_ to fly during a snowstorm.

- a. habitual
- b. overzealous
- c. pavid
- d. reluctant
- e. salacious

**179.** Ron has few friends because he is \_\_\_\_\_ and cares only about himself.

- a. mundane
- b. intrepid
- c. garrulous
- d. voracious
- e. egocentric

**180.** The workers attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the supervisor's authority by negotiating terms with the clients themselves.

- a. contradict
- b. instigate
- c. resonate
- d. placate
- e. undermine

**181.** The student failed his research paper because he chose to \_\_\_\_\_ material from another author's work.

- a. authorize
- b. stimulate
- c. overrule
- d. plagiarize
- e. meditate

**182.** The \_\_\_\_\_ old cowboy had a complexion that spoke of many years in the desert sun, rounding up wild horses.

- a. secular
- b. suave
- c. turgid
- d. wizened
- e. truant

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**183.** The swimmer's back injury \_\_\_\_\_ his prospects for a gold medal at the world championship competition.

- a. compelled
- b. advanced
- c. jeopardized
- d. maintained
- e. expounded

**184.** As Ramiro strolled through his old neighborhood, he noticed sounds and smells that were \_\_\_\_\_ of his childhood.

- a. belligerent
- b. malleable
- c. reminiscent
- d. recondite
- e. incessant

**185.** Lynette had to learn the \_\_\_\_\_ of the insurance profession before she felt comfortable describing products to her clients.

- a. lexicon
- b. classicism
- c. juncture
- d. cessation
- e. asperity

**186.** Marta had to pay off her \_\_\_\_\_ to the credit card company before she could get a mortgage.

- a. stipend
- b. liability
- c. remuneration
- d. concession
- e. consolidation

**187.** The local high school issued a \_\_\_\_\_ on field trips until the bus was repaired; then traveling could begin again.

- a. indispensability
- b. divergence
- c. moratorium
- d. subjection
- e. compulsion

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**188.** With Justine's \_\_\_\_\_ nature and passion for art, she would make an excellent tour guide for the museum.

- a. volatile
- b. congenial
- c. servile
- d. fledgling
- e. trite

**189.** Patrice was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ girl when she was teenager—long-limbed and constantly tripping over her own feet.

- a. blithe
- b. resolute
- c. ungainly
- d. preternatural
- e. conducive

**190.** The employee's claim of being out with the flu did not seem very \_\_\_\_\_ because he returned from sick leave with a deep tan.

- a. inattentive
- b. inarticulate
- c. tactful
- d. plausible
- e. vulnerable

**191.** The con man used his \_\_\_\_\_ to convince the elderly woman to sign over her life savings to him.

- a. estuary
- b. melee
- c. flagrancy
- d. malleability
- e. wile

**192.** Mike proved to be \_\_\_\_\_ throw after throw, hitting the carnival dart game's bull's eye every time.

- a. sedentary
- b. temporal
- c. mediocre
- d. infallible
- e. infeasible

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**193.** Patrick, who was always joking, added \_\_\_\_\_ to the formal dinner, which his sedate employer did not appreciate.

- a. contemplation
- b. ordinance
- c. tutelage
- d. levity
- e. sincerity

**194.** Sunlight shining through a window was an obvious \_\_\_\_\_ in the nearly every one of the artist's works.

- a. disjunction
- b. hindrance
- c. repugnance
- d. motif
- e. variance

**195.** I like listening to Wesley go on about politics and social issues; his opinions are \_\_\_\_\_ with my own beliefs.

- a. latent
- b. explicit
- c. consonant
- d. ensconced
- e. rife

**196.** Most people will find the film silly and childish in its humor; the most \_\_\_\_\_ viewers will find it downright crass and offensive.

- a. servile
- b. petulant
- c. fastidious
- d. arcane
- e. boisterous

**197.** Even though he wanted to win the game, the coach felt that he would be \_\_\_\_\_ if he let the injured quarterback continue to play.

- a. contentious
- b. remiss
- c. erudite
- d. stringent
- e. reputable

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**198.** The goal of any company is to have its product name become \_\_\_\_\_—constantly at the forefront of the consumer’s mind.

- a. garrulous
- b. unctuous
- c. tremulous
- d. ubiquitous
- e. portentous

**199.** During the holiday season, the \_\_\_\_\_ theme is “Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward All.”

- a. mitigated
- b. arrogant
- c. controversial
- d. prevalent
- e. prestigious

**200.** Our cottage by the sea offers many days of relaxation with warm sunshine and soothing \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. zephyrs
- b. dervishes
- c. stanchions
- d. ebbs
- e. torques

## Answers

**176.** d. *Vindictive* (adj.) means revengeful, hateful.

**177.** e. A *cache* (n.) is a hiding place for storing or concealing provisions or valuables; a secret store of valuables or money, a stash.

**178.** d. *Reluctant* (adj.) means unwilling to do what one is being called to do.

**179.** e. *Egocentric* (adj.) means caring only about or interested only in oneself or one's needs.

**180.** e. To *undermine* (v.) means to subvert in an underhanded way.

**181.** d. To *plagiarize* (v.) is to steal thoughts or words in literary composition.

**182.** d. *Wizened* (adj.) means withered or dry, especially with age.

**183.** c. *Jeopardize* (v.) means to put in jeopardy or at risk; a hazard or danger.

**184.** c. *Reminiscent* (adj.) means calling to mind or remembering.

**185.** a. *Lexicon* (n.) is the vocabulary used in a language, profession, class, or subject.

**186.** b. *Liability* (n.) is a debt or obligation; something for which one is liable.

**187.** c. *Moratorium* (n.) is a temporary suspension or postponement of a planned activity.

**188.** b. *Congenial* (adj.) means having a friendly or pleasant disposition, sociable; having similar tastes, habits, or temperament; suitable to one's needs or nature.

**189.** c. *Ungainly* (adj.) means clumsy or awkward.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**190.** d. *Plausible* (adj.) means apparently worthy of belief or praise.

**191.** e. *Wile* (n.) means an act or a means of cunning deception.

**192.** d. *Infallible* (adj.) means not fallible; completely trustworthy; certain.

**193.** d. *Levity* (n.) is an inappropriate lack of seriousness or lightness of manner; frivolity.

**194.** d. *Motif* (n.) is a recurrent theme or form in an artistic or literary work.

**195.** c. *Consonant* (adj.) means in agreement or accord, harmonious; having similar sounds.

**196.** c. *Fastidious* (adj.) means paying careful attention to detail, meticulous; difficult to please, exacting; extremely sensitive, squeamish, especially in regard to matters of cleanliness or propriety.

**197.** b. *Remiss* (adj.) means careless in performing duties.

**198.** d. *Ubiquitous* (adj.) means being present everywhere.

**199.** d. *Prevalent* (adj.) means widespread or widely accepted; predominant or extensive.

**200.** a. A *zephyr* is a soft, gentle breeze; a breeze that blows from the west.

# Chapter 9

**201.** When Melinda arrived in the impoverished city, she was immediately \_\_\_\_\_ by bands of children begging for food.

- a. bedraggled
- b. accosted
- c. infiltrated
- d. rebuked
- e. exacerbated

**202.** According to the terms of the agreement, if Nicole defaulted on her loan, she would have to \_\_\_\_\_ her house and car, both of which would become property of the bank.

- a. usurp
- b. evince
- c. debut
- d. forfeit
- e. stigmatize

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**203.** Tony was tired of roommate's petty \_\_\_\_\_ about his personal life, so he moved out.

- a. appeasements
- b. quips
- c. quotas
- d. rallies
- e. iniquities

**204.** The food at the buffet table was a \_\_\_\_\_ array of delights that even the most disciplined dieter would find difficult to resist.

- a. tempestuous
- b. tantamount
- c. truculent
- d. temporal
- e. tantalizing

**205.** After fighting the five-alarm fire, the \_\_\_\_\_ firefighter could not relax enough to unwind and get some rest.

- a. amicable
- b. treacherous
- c. pliable
- d. durable
- e. overwrought

**206.** For years Henry bore the \_\_\_\_\_ of being the only man in five generations of his family not to make the varsity baseball team.

- a. stigma
- b. brunt
- c. treatise
- d. scintillation
- e. punctiliousness

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**207.** Tabitha found an overpriced dining table at the antique shop and tried to \_\_\_\_\_ with the shopkeeper, but he refused to lower the price.

- a. haggle
- b. stipulate
- c. annunciate
- d. ruminate
- e. confer

**208.** The firefighter was \_\_\_\_\_ in the news for his heroic rescue of a child from a burning house.

- a. mandated
- b. inferred
- c. reconstituted
- d. augmented
- e. lauded

**209.** Although she was on a diet, Hannah intended to \_\_\_\_\_ in the feast of Thanksgiving.

- a. dilate
- b. enervate
- c. expunge
- d. nullify
- e. partake

**210.** The villagers locked their doors when they heard about the pirates who were \_\_\_\_\_ unprotected villages along the island's coastline.

- a. reforming
- b. marauding
- c. reclaiming
- d. conceding
- e. recapitulating

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**211.** I could tell by Angelica’s \_\_\_\_\_ tone that she was still very angry with me.

- a. ingratiating
- b. adjacent
- c. oblique
- d. acerbic
- e. eloquent

**212.** After years of living at a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ pace, Paola decided it was time to slow down and learn how to relax.

- a. frenetic
- b. pedestrian
- c. pretentious
- d. colloquial
- e. insipid

**213.** The hospital had an outbreak of chicken pox and was forced to \_\_\_\_\_ all patients and staff to prevent more infected victims.

- a. clandestine
- b. saturate
- c. germinate
- d. quarantine
- e. aggregate

**214.** Living on several acres of land dotted with oak and maple trees makes autumn leaf-raking a \_\_\_\_\_ task.

- a. fatuous
- b. toilsome
- c. tardy
- d. obsequious
- e. fawning

**215.** Acting in the high school play served to \_\_\_\_\_ Ander’s appetite for professional acting.

- a. satiate
- b. whet
- c. purport
- d. incriminate
- e. corral

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**216.** It would take many hours of cleaning and repairing for the young family to transform the \_\_\_\_\_ into a clean and comfortable little cottage.

- a. territory
- b. manor
- c. hovel
- d. demesne
- e. hacienda

**217.** Ms. Lu allowed her son a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ in spending his birthday money, because she believed it should be his decision.

- a. injunction
- b. assimilation
- c. latitude
- d. declamation
- e. stimulus

**218.** It was once believed that alchemists could \_\_\_\_\_ common metals to gold.

- a. transmute
- b. commute
- c. execute
- d. repute
- e. denote

**219.** The close-up of the actor drinking the popular brand of cola in the movie was a \_\_\_\_\_ display of commercialism.

- a. dispassionate
- b. languid
- c. apathetic
- d. gratuitous
- e. unpunctual

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**220.** Juneod was \_\_\_\_\_ after his alibi proved that he could not have committed the crime.

- a. acquitted
- b. protracted
- c. derided
- d. denounced
- e. acquainted

**221.** This summer's movies are \_\_\_\_\_ for audiences of escape-the-heat mindless entertainment—not one film offers a substantive or even plausible plot.

- a. privation
- b. dulcet
- c. jargon
- d. fodder
- e. germane

**222.** The dictator used propaganda and intimidation to \_\_\_\_\_ the revolution.

- a. prelude
- b. intimate
- c. congregate
- d. irradiate
- e. quell

**223.** Standing on the \_\_\_\_\_, the preacher greeted the parishioners every Sunday morning.

- a. steeple
- b. pillar
- c. parvis
- d. manifestation
- e. sensor

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**224.** Simona's \_\_\_\_\_ with her money caught up with her when she didn't have the resources to buy a badly needed new car.

- a. miserliness
- b. thriftiness
- c. wantonness
- d. intuition
- e. predilection

**225.** The architect designed the ceiling using wood \_\_\_\_\_ that would remain uncovered, creating a rustic ambience in the living room.

- a. pediments
- b. joists
- c. mullions
- d. banisters
- e. abutments

## Answers

**201.** b. To *accost* (v.) means to approach and speak to someone, usually in a bold and aggressive manner as with a demand.

**202.** d. To *forfeit* (v.) means to be deprived of or lose the right to by the act of a crime, offense, fault, breach, or error.

**203.** b. A *quip* (n.) is a sarcastic or cutting jest; a witty remark.

**204.** e. *Tantalizing* (adj.) means tempting, attractive, often via the senses.

**205.** e. *Overwrought* (adj.) means labored to excess; anxious, agitated.

**206.** a. *Stigma* means a mark of infamy or token of disgrace.

**207.** a. To *baggle* (v.) means to bargain, such as over a price, or dispute in a petty way; to wrangle.

**208.** e. To *laud* (v.) is to praise, honor, or glorify.

**209.** e. To *partake* (v.) is to have a share or take part.

**210.** b. To *maraud* (v.) is to rove and raid in quest of plunder.

**211.** d. *Acerbic* (adj.) means sour or bitter in taste; sharp or biting in tone, character, or expression.

**212.** a. *Frenetic* (adj.) means wildly excited or agitated, frenzied, frantic.

**213.** d. To *quarantine* (v.) means to restrict the entrance to and exit from any place under observation for infectious disease.

**214.** b. *Toilsome* (adj.) means laborious or hard work.

**215.** b. To *whet* (v.) means to make more keen or eager.

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**216.** c. A *hovel* (n.) is a small crude house; a filthy or disorganized hut or shed.

**217.** c. *Latitude* (n.) is freedom from normal limitations or restraints in conduct; an angular distance from a plane of reference.

**218.** a. To *transmute* (v.) means to change in nature, substance, or form.

**219.** d. *Gratuitous* (adj.) means unjustified or unnecessary; of no cost.

**220.** a. To *acquit* (v.) means to free or clear from an accusation or charge; to release or discharge from a duty, obligation, or debt; to behave oneself in a certain manner.

**221.** d. *Fodder* (n.) is a consumable, often inferior resource or item, high in demand and usually abundant in supply.

**222.** e. To *quell* (v.) means to cease or suppress.

**223.** c. A *parvis* (n.) is the porch or area before a building (as a church).

**224.** c. *Wantonness* (n.) means recklessness; bawdy; merciless.

**225.** b. *Joist* (n.) is a small, horizontal beam that supports a ceiling or floor, usually made of wood, reinforced concrete, or steel.



# Chapter 10

**226.** When the house on the corner burned down, the entire neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_ together to help the victims re-establish their lives.

- a. rallied
- b. recited
- c. skulked
- d. disintegrated
- e. expedited

**227.** The massage therapist's \_\_\_\_\_ fingers quickly eased the tension in Blanche's back.

- a. deft
- b. furtive
- c. listless
- d. tentative
- e. blithe

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**228.** Jade's parents were in \_\_\_\_\_ about the decision not to allow her to drive the family car to the prom; they both agreed that it would be unsafe.

- a. affluence
- b. redress
- c. refraction
- d. discord
- e. unison

**229.** As she walked through the halls of her old grade school, Madeline became \_\_\_\_\_, remembering her old friends and teachers.

- a. prolific
- b. nostalgic
- c. credulous
- d. precocious
- e. ambitious

**230.** After being cleared of all charges for slander, the attorney was able to go back to work and \_\_\_\_\_ his role as a prosecutor.

- a. inhibit
- b. reprimand
- c. remand
- d. resume
- e. dissipate

**231.** Ignacio's pain was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he called 911.

- a. remiss
- b. rapacious
- c. genteel
- d. resolute
- e. acute

**232.** The captain \_\_\_\_\_ the cargo to keep his ship afloat.

- a. rebuked
- b. listed
- c. disunited
- d. flanked
- e. jettisoned

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**233.** The teacher tried to \_\_\_\_\_ her class of their dependence on the number lines pasted to the tops of their desks.

- a. wane
- b. wax
- c. whet
- d. wean
- e. wield

**234.** The young girl was so full of enthusiasm and \_\_\_\_\_ that she infected the room with energy.

- a. languidness
- b. apathy
- c. vivacity
- d. blandness
- e. tenacity

**235.** Ricky is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the local coffee shop; you can find him there just about every morning.

- a. diva
- b. relic
- c. denizen
- d. maverick
- e. pariah

**236.** The child danced with \_\_\_\_\_ joy at hearing the news that her father had arrived home from his lengthy business trip.

- a. staid
- b. unbridled
- c. stealthy
- d. beneficial
- e. restrained

**237.** Having never left the landlocked Midwest his entire life, Albert found that swimming in the ocean was quite a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. familiarity
- b. extrovert
- c. instinct
- d. novelty
- e. tabernacle

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**238.** The rowdy crowd at the music concert \_\_\_\_\_ Herve, and he spilled his soda on his pants.

- a. jettisoned
- b. harrowed
- c. jostled
- d. lauded
- e. superceded

**239.** Known for his strong command of the courtroom, it was common knowledge that Judge Disantis considered outbursts from defendants to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. questionable
- b. objectionable
- c. antisocial
- d. pliable
- e. visionary

**240.** Blinded by \_\_\_\_\_, Nicholas accepted the job offer with the highest pay but the least possibility of making him happy.

- a. ennui
- b. heresy
- c. infamy
- d. avarice
- e. temperance

**241.** It was very unprofessional of you to \_\_\_\_\_ your assistant in front of everyone at the meeting; she deserves more respect, and any criticism of her performance should be done in private.

- a. placate
- b. augment
- c. usurp
- d. preclude
- e. deride

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**242.** The log cabin had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ feel, so it was often enjoyed by vacationers from the city throughout the year.

- a. abstract
- b. ersatz
- c. rustic
- d. raucous
- e. repellent

**243.** We knew Jana had \_\_\_\_\_ motives for running for class president: She wanted the nearby parking space that came with the office.

- a. anterior
- b. interior
- c. inferior
- d. posterior
- e. ulterior

**244.** The town board heard many outraged and \_\_\_\_\_ arguments from the citizens against the destruction of some wooded areas in order to build a new mall.

- a. tenuous
- b. vociferous
- c. vacuous
- d. satisfied
- e. egregious

**245.** The villainous gang's hideout was a den of \_\_\_\_\_ that no one would dare to enter.

- a. innocence
- b. habitants
- c. iniquity
- d. accolades
- e. innovation

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**246.** Indigestion is a common \_\_\_\_\_ of participating in a hot-dog eating contest.

- a. euphemism
- b. penchant
- c. corollary
- d. juxtaposition
- e. itinerary

**247.** Although it was so ridiculous that no one believed it to be true, the reporter's \_\_\_\_\_ still cost the governor his re-election.

- a. hegemony
- b. sedition
- c. malaise
- d. compendium
- e. calumny

**248.** People on the street stopped to \_\_\_\_\_ over the artist's rendition of the Eiffel Tower, amazed by his ability to capture the detail.

- a. bedazzle
- b. innovate
- c. gratify
- d. counteract
- e. objectify

**249.** The veteran lieutenant was not happy with his \_\_\_\_\_ rank behind the two inexperienced men.

- a. tertiary
- b. silly
- c. unctuous
- d. superior
- e. fastened

**250.** The prime minister was admired by all, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ even in an environment of corruption and disdain.

- a. admonishment
- b. alleviation
- c. nonpareil
- d. prototype
- e. profanation

## Answers

**226.** a. To *rally* (v.) means to come together for a common purpose or as a means of support; to recover or rebound.

**227.** a. *Deft* (adj.) means quick and skillful in movement, adroit.

**228.** e. *Unison* (n.) means a condition of perfect agreement and accord.

**229.** b. *Nostalgic* (adj.) is sentimentally yearning for a point in the past.

**230.** d. To *resume* (v.) means to take up again after interruption.

**231.** e. *Acute* (adj.) means extremely sharp or intense; keenly perceptive or discerning; of great importance or consequence, crucial; also, having a sharp tip or point.

**232.** e. To *jettison* (v.) is to toss goods overboard to lighten the load of a ship or aircraft to improve stability; to toss off (a burden).

**233.** d. To *wean* (v.) means to detach someone from that to which he is accustomed or devoted.

**234.** c. *Vivacity* (n.) means liveliness, to be fill of life.

**235.** c. A *denizen* (n.) is one who frequents a particular place; one who lives in a particular place, an inhabitant.

**236.** b. *Unbridled* (adj.) means without restraint.

**237.** d. A *novelty* (n.) is a new or unusual thing or occurrence.

**238.** c. To *jostle* (v.) is to push or shove roughly against; to drive with pushing; to disturb or bump.

**239.** b. *Objectionable* (adj.) means unpleasant or offensive.

**240.** d. *Avarice* (n.) means an excessive or insatiable desire for material wealth; inordinate greed.

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**241.** e. To *deride* (v.) is to speak of or treat with contempt; to ridicule scornfully.

**242.** c. *Rustic* (adj.) means rural; rough; made from rough limbs or trees.

**243.** e. *Ulterior* (adj.) means lying beyond or outside what is openly shown or said.

**244.** b. *Vociferous* (adj.) means making a loud outcry.

**245.** c. *Iniquity* (n.) is wickedness or overwhelming injustice.

**246.** c. *Corollary* (n.) means a natural consequence or result; a deduction or inference that follows from the proof of another proposition.

**247.** e. *Calumny* (n.) means a false statement or accusation uttered maliciously to harm another's reputation, slander.

**248.** e. To *objectify* (v.) means to stare at amorously.

**249.** a. *Tertiary* (adj.) ranking third in order of importance, position, or value.

**250.** c. A *nonpareil* (n.) is a person or thing of peerless excellence.

# Chapter 11

**251.** The queen's \_\_\_\_\_ fell ill during his journey and was unable to negotiate on her behalf when he arrived at the economic summit.

- a. penury
- b. miscreant
- c. emissary
- d. denizen
- e. zealot

**252.** Tai was \_\_\_\_\_ by a series of setbacks that nearly made him miss his deadline.

- a. ensconced
- b. relegated
- c. beleaguered
- d. solicited
- e. winnowed

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**253.** New York boasts many \_\_\_\_\_ restaurants—places that are elegant and frequented by famous movie stars, political figures, and other elite members of society.

- a. pungent
- b. posh
- c. diminutive
- d. mediocre
- e. middling

**254.** Patsy was shocked to discover how much higher her IQ was than the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. norm
- b. stimulation
- c. prudence
- d. solitude
- e. derivative

**255.** Although she appeared confident, once she began her speech, the valedictorian's \_\_\_\_\_ voice indicated her nervousness.

- a. supercilious
- b. resonant
- c. tenuous
- d. placating
- e. tremulous

**256.** Danielle cannot seem to find her niche in life; she has changed her \_\_\_\_\_ at least three times in the past ten years.

- a. automation
- b. vocation
- c. plethora
- d. pliancy
- e. combustion

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**257.** The discovery of the new element was \_\_\_\_\_; the scientist was looking for something else.

- a. insignificant
- b. intrepid
- c. eloquent
- d. inadvertent
- e. emollient

**258.** A charming painting of a pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ landscape hung above Vitaly's fireplace, in marked contrast to the noise and lights of the bustling city outside his window.

- a. nascent
- b. histrionic
- c. bucolic
- d. indigenous
- e. ersatz

**259.** Aidan, who has always been painfully shy, was very \_\_\_\_\_ by the news that he would have to do a presentation in front of his classmates.

- a. discomfited
- b. circumvented
- c. relegated
- d. promulgated
- e. castigated

**260.** Since his parents had little money, Peter was \_\_\_\_\_ to his uncle for paying for his college education.

- a. alleged
- b. provided
- c. obliged
- d. demented
- e. fortified

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**261.** With great \_\_\_\_\_, we stepped gingerly onto the planks of the dilapidated bridge that spanned a rocky stream twenty feet below.

- a. trepidation
- b. instigation
- c. perdition
- d. refraction
- e. endowment

**262.** At the risk of sounding like an \_\_\_\_\_, the teacher assigned extra homework for the weekend.

- a. oaf
- b. ogre
- c. impost
- d. alcove
- e. anathema

**263.** Felix felt that his mother's request to run her errands was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ since he would have rather watched a soccer match with his friends that afternoon.

- a. justification
- b. imposition
- c. preponderance
- d. deviation
- e. recourse

**264.** The paper was \_\_\_\_\_ so that it could be easily removed from the bound notebook.

- a. voracious
- b. infectious
- c. fickle
- d. perforated
- e. fluent

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**265.** The mad scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the potion with acid, making it not only useless, but also dangerous.

- a. corrugated
- b. vitiated
- c. implemented
- d. instigated
- e. titillated

**266.** Jayne's paintings were not minimalist, but they were \_\_\_\_\_, using only the most elemental and essential elements.

- a. elliptical
- b. truculent
- c. pernicious
- d. perfunctory
- e. abstemious

**267.** Wendell's prolonged illness was the \_\_\_\_\_ that ignited his interest in science and led to his illustrious career in medical research.

- a. hyperbole
- b. catalyst
- c. penchant
- d. insolence
- e. caveat

**268.** Stopping to admire the \_\_\_\_\_ in the front yard, the young woman continued on with her gardening duties.

- a. paradigm
- b. compost
- c. clutter
- d. oleander
- e. patagium

**269.** The river, \_\_\_\_\_ with new-fallen rain, overflowed its banks and flooded the tiny village in a matter of hours.

- a. placated
- b. turgid
- c. redundant
- d. equivalent
- e. quarantined

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**270.** In a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ expression of pleasure, the infant clapped her hands and squealed with joy.

- a. overt
- b. obligatory
- c. illusive
- d. peremptory
- e. turbulent

**271.** Paula's \_\_\_\_\_ humor does not amuse many people; rather many find it offensive and hurtful.

- a. nebulous
- b. truncated
- c. stoic
- d. vitriolic
- e. flirtatious

**272.** The play's \_\_\_\_\_ debut was not a good sign for the struggling producer.

- a. unsubstantial
- b. inauspicious
- c. copious
- d. disembodied
- e. immaterial

**273.** At one time it was in \_\_\_\_\_ for women to wear gloves and hats whenever they were out in public.

- a. gore
- b. gauge
- c. vogue
- d. brawn
- e. vain

**274.** To ensure that Brenda wouldn't know where we were going for her birthday, I took the most \_\_\_\_\_ route I could think of.

- a. ardent
- b. craven
- c. enigmatic
- d. circuitous
- e. mercurial

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**275.** The editorial was essentially a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to the governor, praising her for her enactment of a series of environmental laws and for balancing the state budget for the first time in 20 years.

- a. juggernaut
- b. imprecation
- c. cabal
- d. oeuvre
- e. encomium

## Answers

**251.** c. An *emissary* (n.) is an agent sent on a mission to represent the interests of someone else.

**252.** c. To *beleaguer* (v.) is to harass, beset, besiege.

**253.** b. *Posh* (adj.) means elegant and fashionable.

**254.** a. A *norm* (n.) is an average standard, pattern, or type.

**255.** e. *Tremulous* (adj.) means characterized by quivering or unsteadiness.

**256.** b. *Vocation* (n.) means a regular occupation or profession.

**257.** d. *Inadvertent* (adj.) means not attentive or heedless; acting carelessly; unintentional.

**258.** c. *Bucolic* (adj.) means of or characteristic of country life or people, rustic, especially in an idealized sense; of or characteristic of shepherds or herdsmen, pastoral.

**259.** a. To *discomfit* (v.) means to make uneasy, disconcert; to cause to lose one's composure; to break up or thwart the plans of, frustrate.

**260.** c. *Obliged* (v.) means to be indebted.

**261.** a. *Trepidation* (n.) means nervous uncertainty of feeling.

**262.** b. An *ogre* (n.) is, in popular usage, a cruel person, or a monster.

**263.** b. *Imposition* (n.) is the act of imposing something such as a burden or duty; an unfair demand.

**264.** d. *Perforated* (adj.) means with a line of holes to facilitate separation; pierced with a pointed instrument.

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**265.** b. To *vitiate* (v.) means to spoil; to make faulty or impure; to corrupt morally.

**266.** a. *Elliptical* (adj.) means characterized by extreme economy of words or style; of, relating to, or having the shape of an ellipsis.

**267.** b. A *catalyst* (n.) is something that precipitates or causes a process or event; (in chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected in the process.

**268.** d. An *oleander* (n.) is a beautiful but poisonous evergreen shrub.

**269.** b. *Turgid* (adj.) means swollen.

**270.** a. *Overt* (adj.) means apparent, obvious.

**271.** d. *Vitriolic* (adj.) means bitterly scathing; caustic.

**272.** b. *Inauspicious* (adj.) means not favorable or unfortunate; not promising success.

**273.** c. *Vogue* (n.) means the prevalent way or fashion.

**274.** d. *Circuitous* (adj.) means having or taking a roundabout, lengthy, or indirect course.

**275.** e. *Encomium* (n.) means a formal expression of praise, a glowing tribute.



# Chapter 12

**276.** Claude felt particularly \_\_\_\_\_ as he carried the large satchel filled with cash through the dark streets to the bank.

- a. inclusive
- b. vulnerable
- c. reclusive
- d. unwieldy
- e. torrential

**277.** Niall's \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward the boss is embarrassing; he does nearly everything for him except scratch his nose!

- a. subservient
- b. subversive
- c. subtle
- d. sundry
- e. surly

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**278.** Although she was a successful professional, Debra's inability to accurately complete her taxes made her feel a bit \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. endowed  
b. rapturous  
c. ravenous  
d. obtuse  
e. elated

**279.** Jeremy didn't want to appear \_\_\_\_\_, but his brothers simply could not convince him to change his mind.  
a. pitiful  
b. scrupulous  
c. harmonious  
d. obstinate  
e. unabated

**280.** Buying homeowner's insurance is a wise decision because it provides \_\_\_\_ if your house should be damaged in a fire.  
a. chastisement  
b. indemnity  
c. clarification  
d. resolution  
e. annulment

**281.** Although it was supposed to be written for the general public, the report was so \_\_\_\_ that only those with inside knowledge of government workings could understand it.  
a. indigenous  
b. ebullient  
c. truculent  
d. pugnacious  
e. esoteric

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**282.** Todd set up a rope to \_\_\_\_\_ the part of the exhibit that was off-limits.

- a. circumscribe
- b. laud
- c. efface
- d. undulate
- e. beguile

**283.** The loud clap of thunder caused the little dog to \_\_\_\_\_ all over.

- a. slather
- b. quake
- c. enunciate
- d. binge
- e. infuse

**284.** Francois fell into a groggy \_\_\_\_\_ after having suffered a high fever for several days.

- a. profundity
- b. sluggard
- c. verve
- d. stupor
- e. grovel

**285.** Blaine had a tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ certain details of his evenings out when he didn't want his parents to know where he had been.

- a. excel
- b. oscillate
- c. corroborate
- d. juxtapose
- e. omit

**286.** We took pity on the young \_\_\_\_\_ and brought him to a shelter where he could find food and warmth.

- a. waif
- b. perfidy
- c. ionic
- d. plaintiff
- e. troubadour

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**287.** The fire caused \_\_\_\_\_ damage to the warehouse, which forced the owner to demolish the building.

- a. sanctified
- b. equitable
- c. preliminary
- d. irreparable
- e. pretentious

**288.** When people are in love, they may find their beloved's \_\_\_\_\_—often annoying to or disparaged by others—to be charming and endearing.

- a. foibles
- b. mendacity
- c. ennui
- d. aplomb
- e. penchants

**289.** Terreh was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic jam by taking a series of one-way streets that led to the bridge.

- a. staunch
- b. diffuse
- c. corroborate
- d. circumvent
- e. juxtapose

**290.** The risk of cheating on the test was not worth the possible \_\_\_\_\_ of failing the class.

- a. specification
- b. gratification
- c. ramification
- d. narcissism
- e. renegade

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**291.** We found that the gallons of water we had brought on our hike were \_\_\_\_\_, and we had to carry the extra bottles home.

- a. superannuated
- b. extraordinary
- c. derivative
- d. superfluous
- e. untenable

**292.** Moving all the heavy cinder blocks by hand from the driveway to the backyard seemed like a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ task.

- a. precipitous
- b. poignant
- c. onerous
- d. salient
- e. gallant

**293.** Claudia's \_\_\_\_\_ face gave no clue to her hard, cold heart.

- a. winsome
- b. gruesome
- c. fatuous
- d. ironic
- e. flaccid

**294.** Keeping hot peppers in the olive oil \_\_\_\_\_ it with a spicy kick.

- a. contemplates
- b. stigmatizes
- c. scrutinizes
- d. infuses
- e. defames

**295.** She realized mortgage rates had declined and decided it was \_\_\_\_\_ to continue paying rent when she could now afford a monthly payment for her own home.

- a. referable
- b. relative
- c. subsequent
- d. episodic
- e. inexpedient

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**296.** The deadline has been moved to this Friday, so we must \_\_\_\_\_ our efforts and complete the project earlier than we had planned.

- a. wane
- b. ruminate
- c. burnish
- d. pilfer
- e. expedite

**297.** As the city grew and stretched its borders, it began to feel the \_\_\_\_\_ problems of urban sprawl and overpopulation.

- a. improvident
- b. mendacious
- c. ersatz
- d. concomitant
- e. surreptitious

**298.** Terrance, a dentist, \_\_\_\_\_ to be with the media, so he could see the concert for free.

- a. facilitated
- b. conjugated
- c. purported
- d. tended
- e. placated

**299.** \_\_\_\_\_ on a lounge chair by the pool was the very tan owner of the estate, relaxing in the midday sunshine.

- a. Trident
- b. Renegade
- c. Fraught
- d. Renowned
- e. Supine

**300.** Observing his sister's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior of riding without a helmet, Jorge ran to get his mother.

- a. contemptuous
- b. contented
- c. fictitious
- d. parlous
- e. pensive

## Answers

**276.** b. *Vulnerable* (adj.) means assailable; capable of receiving injuries; open to attack.

**277.** a. *Subservient* (adj.) means following another's requests in a servantlike manner far below that which is called for.

**278.** d. *Obtuse* (adj.) means lacking quickness of perception or intellect.

**279.** d. *Obstinate* (adj.) means stubborn.

**280.** b. *Indemnity* (n.) is protection from loss or damage; immunity from punishment; compensation for loss or damage.

**281.** e. *Esoteric* (adj.) means designed for, confined to, or understandable only by a restricted number of people, an enlightened inner circle.

**282.** a. To *circumscribe* (v.) is to draw a line around, encircle; to restrict or confine; to determine the limits of, define.

**283.** b. To *quake* (v.) means to shiver or tremble, as from fear or cold; to shake or vibrate violently.

**284.** d. *Stupor* (n.) means profound lethargy, such as one might experience after being very ill.

**285.** e. To *omit* (v.) is to leave out; to neglect, disregard.

**286.** a. A *waif* (n.) is a stray; a homeless, neglected wanderer, especially a homeless child.

**287.** d. *Irreparable* (adj.) means not capable of being remedied or corrected; not reparable.

**288.** a. A *foible* (n.) is a minor weakness or character flaw; a distinctive behavior or attribute peculiar to an individual.

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**289.** d. To *circumvent* (v.) is to go around, bypass; to get around or avoid through cleverness or artful maneuvering; to surround, enclose, entrap.

**290.** c. A *ramification* (n.) is a consequence for an action.

**291.** d. *Superfluous* (adj.) means extra; more than is needed, unnecessary.

**292.** c. *Onerous* (adj.) is burdensome or troublesome.

**293.** a. *Winsome* (adj.) means attractive.

**294.** d. To *infuse* (v.) is to instill or cause to penetrate; to inspire.

**295.** e. *Inexpedient* (adj.) means not expedient; not suitable or fit for the purpose; not tending to promote a proposed object.

**296.** e. To *expedite* (v.) means to speed up the progress of, accelerate; to process or execute quickly and efficiently.

**297.** d. *Concomitant* (adj.) means occurring or existing concurrently; accompanying, attendant.

**298.** c. To *purport* (v.) means to give false appearance of being.

**299.** e. *Supine* (adj.) means lying on the back.

**300.** d. *Parlous* (adj.) means dangerous, risky, or extreme.

# Chapter 13

**301.** In an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy, *Braveheart* rallied hundreds of fierce warriors.

- a. alienate
- b. scoff
- c. obliterate
- d. ostracize
- e. minimize

**302.** The film was completed on schedule despite the \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances regarding the location and extreme weather conditions.

- a. tenuous
- b. imperial
- c. cryptic
- d. contrived
- e. adverse

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**303.** The postcard advertised a free cruise to anyone who bought a magazine subscription, but after reading the fine print Sasha found the cruise was just a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. petition  
b. gimmick  
c. compromise  
d. reference  
e. motif

**304.** Many employers like to visit college campuses and \_\_\_\_\_ college seniors to work for their companies.  
a. daunt  
b. recruit  
c. illuminate  
d. dither  
e. flout

**305.** I could tell by Konrad's \_\_\_\_\_ manner that he was really sorry for how he had treated Annette.  
a. callous  
b. erratic  
c. zealous  
d. nonchalant  
e. contrite

**306.** The company officials felt the rising cost of health coverage was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to raise their employees' insurance premiums.  
a. moratorium  
b. justification  
c. symbolism  
d. disposition  
e. habitude

**307.** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the sheriff's department ended at the county line.  
a. prerequisite  
b. emendation  
c. alliteration  
d. jurisdiction  
e. respite

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**308.** Ralph plays golf every chance he gets; even a weeklong golfing vacation could not \_\_\_\_\_ his appetite for the game.

- a. initiate
- b. satiate
- c. relinquish
- d. revive
- e. employ

**309.** We could not describe the scene before us; it was filled with such \_\_\_\_\_ beauty.

- a. inexorable
- b. unutterable
- c. uproarious
- d. mnemonic
- e. fretful

**310.** The subject matter was \_\_\_\_\_ because the mumbling professor spoke too quickly.

- a. obscure
- b. magnanimous
- c. treacherous
- d. vital
- e. maximized

**311.** Arnie becomes so \_\_\_\_\_ when he talks about painting that it is hard not to be infected by his enthusiasm.

- a. laconic
- b. circuitous
- c. impertinent
- d. ardent
- e. recalcitrant

**312.** The cruise ship's deliciously appetizing dinner buffets encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ among the vacationing passengers.

- a. gluttony
- b. squabbling
- c. equivocation
- d. restraint
- e. queries

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**313.** As the pressures of her business became overwhelming, Charlotte chose to \_\_\_\_\_ her role as PTA president.

- a. expedite
- b. transgress
- c. propagate
- d. relinquish
- e. retaliate

**314.** Don't let Julie's enthusiasm fool you; she's just a \_\_\_\_\_, not a professional dancer.

- a. maverick
- b. denizen
- c. mercenary
- d. maven
- e. dilettante

**315.** Normally, Maya would not have made so many spelling mistakes in her essay; she is usually \_\_\_\_\_ about her spelling.

- a. sumptuous
- b. scurrilous
- c. ridiculous
- d. scrupulous
- e. fatuous

**316.** It took four men two hours to move the \_\_\_\_\_ sofa up three flights of stairs into our apartment.

- a. suave
- b. garrulous
- c. unwieldy
- d. pivotal
- e. quixotic

**317.** In the Roman myth, Artemis made a pilgrimage to the \_\_\_\_\_, hoping to learn the answer to her dilemma.

- a. denouement
- b. decorum
- c. oracle
- d. vizier
- e. pillar

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**318.** Orson was truly a(n) \_\_\_\_\_: towering over others at six feet nine inches, he was also one of the most influential and successful producers in the feature film industry.

- a. behemoth
- b. anathema
- c. demagogue
- d. viceroy
- e. charlatan

**319.** Brian was an \_\_\_\_\_ child, he was sent to the principal's office on numerous occasions for his rude classroom behavior.

- a. impeccable
- b. impertinent
- c. observant
- d. obscure
- e. adjuvant

**320.** The defendant waited anxiously for the jury to \_\_\_\_\_ the decision that would seal his fate.

- a. render
- b. deprecate
- c. rejuvenate
- d. disparage
- e. prohibit

**321.** We must \_\_\_\_\_ the information about the agenda changes immediately so that the conference attendees have time to adjust their schedules.

- a. burnish
- b. disseminate
- c. galvanize
- d. placate
- e. admonish

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**322.** During the time of the plague in the little village, the forlorn \_\_\_\_\_ of the church bells was an almost daily sound.

- a. prepossession
- b. premise
- c. delectation
- d. knell
- e. credence

**323.** If you can adhere to the \_\_\_\_\_ rules of a military society, the Marines may be an excellent career choice.

- a. strident
- b. raucous
- c. stringent
- d. pedantic
- e. lurid

**324.** The natural \_\_\_\_\_ of the canyon cause it to be an everlasting source of new adventures and beauty.

- a. blandishments
- b. vicissitudes
- c. mores
- d. platitudes
- e. nebulas

**325.** A life-long vegetarian, Xiomara \_\_\_\_\_ when she learned that the sauce she'd just eaten was made with chicken broth.

- a. wavered
- b. blanched
- c. coalesced
- d. stagnated
- e. thwarted

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

### Answers

**301.** c. To *obliterate* (v.) means to blot out or destroy.

**302.** e. *Adverse* (adj.) means acting against or contrary to; unfavorable; or opposed or opposing.

**303.** b. A *gimmick* (n.) is a tricky scheme or gadget.

**304.** b. To *recruit* (v.) means to seek to induct or enroll; to enlist.

**305.** e. *Contrite* (adj.) means feeling or expressing sorrow or regret for one's sins or offenses; penitent.

**306.** b. *Justification* (n.) is an explanation or reason that justifies or shows something to be necessary.

**307.** d. *Jurisdiction* (n.) is authority or power; sphere of power or authority.

**308.** b. To *satiate* (v.) means to satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.

**309.** b. *Unutterable* (adj.) means inexpressible.

**310.** a. *Obscure* (adj.) means not clearly expressed or easily understood; not easily seen or distinguished.

**311.** d. *Ardent* (adj.) means characterized by intense emotion or enthusiasm, passionate, fervent; glowing or burning like fire.

**312.** a. *Gluttony* (n.) is drinking or eating to excess; excessive indulgence.

**313.** d. To *relinquish* (v.) means to give up (something), renounce claim to.

**314.** e. A *dilettante* (n.) is an amateur, one who dabbles in an art or field of knowledge for amusement; a lover of fine arts, a connoisseur.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**315.** d. *Scrupulous* (adj.) means extremely careful, cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.

**316.** c. *Unwieldy* (adj.) means moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape.

**317.** c. An *oracle* (n.) is a person of great knowledge; the place where answers are given, as in a sanctuary.

**318.** a. A *behemoth* (n.) is a giant; something or someone who is enormous in size, power, or importance.

**319.** b. *Impertinent* (adj.) means improperly bold; rude; lacking good manners.

**320.** a. To *render* (v.) means to give in return in compliance with a duty; to make or depict.

**321.** b. To *disseminate* (v.) means to scatter widely, diffuse, spread abroad.

**322.** d. *Knell* (n.) is the sound of a bell ringing slowly for a funeral or death.

**323.** c. *Stringent* (adj.) means rigid, strict, or exacting.

**324.** b. *Vicissitudes* (n.) means a change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances.

**325.** b. To *blanch* (v.) means to turn pale, as if in fear; to take the color from, whiten.

# Chapter 14

**326.** At the beginning of the ceremony, the high school band \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the graduates by playing the alma mater loudly and with enthusiasm.

- a. decried
- b. heralded
- c. permeated
- d. conjured
- e. thwarted

**327.** Although Sophie was afraid of heights, she seemed to have no \_\_\_\_\_ about driving over bridges.

- a. enormity
- b. qualms
- c. imminence
- d. resurrection
- e. severity

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**328.** I will write a rough draft of the proposal, and then you can edit it for any \_\_\_\_\_ material so that it is as convincing and concise as possible.

- a. grandiose
- b. incontrovertible
- c. extraneous
- d. abysmal
- e. pensive

**329.** I had to call the repairman because the washing machine was off \_\_\_\_\_—it began making terrible sounds and failed to clean the clothes thoroughly.

- a. detriment
- b. preferment
- c. prevision
- d. kilter
- e. quandary

**330.** Minnie finally \_\_\_\_\_ to her sister's constant barrage of questions and revealed the identity of her new boyfriend.

- a. reiterated
- b. succumbed
- c. seceded
- d. reneged
- e. retaliated

**331.** The meeting is \_\_\_\_\_; everyone must attend.

- a. palatable
- b. compulsory
- c. reciprocal
- d. resilient
- e. ancillary

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**332.** Through the \_\_\_\_\_ act of volunteering, it is possible to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

- a. dilatory
- b. insurmountable
- c. diligent
- d. rapacious
- e. noble

**333.** The proposed design includes many \_\_\_\_\_ features that are not functional and can be eliminated to cut costs.

- a. jovial
- b. germane
- c. kinetic
- d. nonchalant
- e. extrinsic

**334.** Carly's \_\_\_\_\_ spending on shoes and clothing caused her parents a great deal of concern because she was no longer saving money for college.

- a. monotypic
- b. inconsistent
- c. perfunctory
- d. immoderate
- e. specious

**335.** The cop was in a \_\_\_\_\_: Should he chase the criminal or help the victim?

- a. quandary
- b. litany
- c. tatter
- d. discord
- e. plethora

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**336.** The professor studied the \_\_\_\_\_ physics of ballet dancers and even published a study on the topic of dancers and movement.

- a. creditable
- b. kinetic
- c. symbolic
- d. prevalent
- e. monotonous

**337.** Kyle was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the difficulties of an uncooperative staff, an impossible deadline, and a complicated project in order to present the report to the client.

- a. surmount
- b. dismount
- c. retract
- d. expel
- e. intercede

**338.** Philbert's \_\_\_\_\_ manner fit in well with the atmosphere of the posh country club.

- a. untoward
- b. riotous
- c. mundane
- d. salacious
- e. urbane

**339.** Elian tried his \_\_\_\_\_ on the wrong person, and it has finally landed him in jail.

- a. clemency
- b. jocularity
- c. calamity
- d. obsolescence
- e. chicanery

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**340.** There were several \_\_\_\_\_ buildings on the street, making it difficult for Margaret to determine which one was the dentist's office.

- a. nondescript
- b. transient
- c. impervious
- d. zealous
- e. impressionable

**341.** Inflated by his fans' \_\_\_\_\_, Evan lost sense of his small-town roots and began traveling with an entourage.

- a. inconstancy
- b. insolence
- c. haughtiness
- d. sufferance
- e. idolatry

**342.** To \_\_\_\_\_ a congressional bill, the president must use his official seal on all documents.

- a. nullify
- b. patronize
- c. victimize
- d. ratify
- e. mollify

**343.** The drama workshop's efforts \_\_\_\_\_ in the final production of a play written, directed, and acted by the students for the entire school.

- a. finalized
- b. languished
- c. teemed
- d. discerned
- e. culminated

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**344.** There is no way around it: plagiarism is \_\_\_\_\_ to thievery.

- a. tantamount
- b. apathetic
- c. fatuous
- d. unscrupulous
- e. indecisive

**345.** For \_\_\_\_\_ deeds during her mission overseas, Tyesha was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

- a. inept
- b. valorous
- c. erroneous
- d. malodorous
- e. benign

**346.** Adam read the employee manual so that he might \_\_\_\_\_ himself with his new responsibilities at the company.

- a. relinquish
- b. synthesize
- c. orient
- d. validate
- e. motivate

**347.** I am \_\_\_\_\_ of the problems that this solution will cause, but I still believe that this is the best possible solution.

- a. innocuous
- b. cognizant
- c. precipitous
- d. reminiscent
- e. belligerent

**348.** The spectacular presentation by a rainforest adventurer \_\_\_\_\_ Simon with the desire to travel to South America to see the jungles for himself.

- a. disheartened
- b. inhibited
- c. imbued
- d. reconstituted
- e. abhorred

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**349.** When the senator's popularity suffered in the polls, he \_\_\_\_\_ his decision to raise taxes.

- a. recanted
- b. pulverized
- c. enveloped
- d. detracted
- e. extenuated

**350.** Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of reliable information, Quentin's report was comprised mostly of speculation.

- a. dearth
- b. diatribe
- c. myriad
- d. juxtaposition
- e. tirade

## Answers

**326.** b. To *herald* (v.) is to proclaim or announce; to foreshadow.

**327.** b. A *qualm* (n.) is a sudden or disturbing feeling.

**328.** c. *Extraneous* (adj.) means not vital or essential; not pertinent or relevant; coming from the outside or an outside source.

**329.** d. *Kilter* (n.) is order or good condition.

**330.** b. To *succumb* (v.) means to give in, cease to resist.

**331.** b. *Compulsory* (adj.) means obligatory, mandatory, required.

**332.** e. *Noble* (adj.) means having high, selfless moral standards; of excellent character.

**333.** e. *Extrinsic* (adj.) means not forming an essential part of a thing, extraneous; originating from the outside, external.

**334.** d. *Immoderate* (adj.) means excessive or extreme; exceeding reasonable limits.

**335.** a. A *quandary* (n.) is a difficult situation.

**336.** b. *Kinetic* (adj.) means pertaining to motion or caused by motion.

**337.** a. To *surmount* (v.) means to overcome by force of will.

**338.** e. *Urbane* (adj.) means characterized by refined manners; elegant or sophisticated.

**339.** e. *Chicanery* (n.) is trickery or sophistry used to deceive someone (especially to extract money).

**340.** a. *Nondescript* (adj.) means lacking any distinctive characteristics.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**341.** e. *Idolatry* (n.) is excessive reverence or adoration; the worship of idols.

**342.** d. To *ratify* (v.) means to make valid.

**343.** e. To *culminate* (v.) is to come to completion, end; to reach the highest point or degree, climax.

**344.** a. *Tantamount* (adj.) means equal to; having equal or equivalent value in terms of seriousness.

**345.** b. *Valorous* (adj.) means courageous, valiant.

**346.** c. To *orient* (v.) means to acquaint (oneself) with the existing situation or environment; determine one's position with reference to new ideas.

**347.** b. *Cognizant* (adj.) means fully knowledgeable or informed, conscious, aware.

**348.** c. To *imbue* (v.) is to inspire or pervade with ideas or feelings; to saturate with color; to permeate.

**349.** a. To *recant* (v.) means to renounce formally; to withdraw a former belief as erroneous.

**350.** a. *Dearth* (n.) means a severe shortage or scarce supply, especially of food; a lack of, insufficient quantity.



# Chapter 15

**351.** Teachers should not only be knowledgeable but also \_\_\_\_\_; students should feel comfortable approaching them with questions or problems.

- a. wheedling
- b. patronizing
- c. laconic
- d. affable
- e. frugal

**352.** The pain medication Kristy received after surgery offered relief; however, the overwhelming feeling of \_\_\_\_\_ was an unexpected side effect, and she didn't like being groggy.

- a. extortion
- b. compellation
- c. acquisition
- d. affirmation
- e. lethargy

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**353.** The ski lodge had a window that looked out upon a beautiful mountain \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. vista  
b. melee  
c. fray  
d. foray  
e. frieze

**354.** The palace's great hall was rich in history and splendor, the walls hung with \_\_\_\_\_ tapestries.  
a. mellifluous  
b. malleable  
c. prudent  
d. illusive  
e. ornate

**355.** After weeks of heavy rains, the earth gave way; mud and trees \_\_\_\_\_ down the mountain swallowing cars and houses in their path.  
a. ascended  
b. inculcated  
c. aspersed  
d. hurtled  
e. entreated

**356.** The \_\_\_\_\_ butter had been left in the refrigerator for years.  
a. complacent  
b. scandalous  
c. riveting  
d. dire  
e. rancid

**357.** Several weeks of extremely hot, dry weather \_\_\_\_\_ the land, so instead of rowing across a river, we walked across a cracked, parched riverbed.  
a. oscillated  
b. desiccated  
c. subverted  
d. coalesced  
e. thwarted

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**358.** The pitcher's \_\_\_\_\_ workout regimen was the most grueling of all his teammates, and he never took a day off.

- a. Spartan
- b. spasmodic
- c. exclusive
- d. turgid
- e. truculent

**359.** Ethan's responses when he spoke on the telephone were \_\_\_\_\_ and he nearly always made his customers think he was rude.

- a. receptive
- b. laconic
- c. uncanny
- d. suave
- e. ponderous

**360.** I was bored with the \_\_\_\_\_ conversation of my roommates and longed for some intellectual stimulation.

- a. egregious
- b. pronounced
- c. vapid
- d. intriguing
- e. exonerating

**361.** Ned's fear was \_\_\_\_\_ as he watched the 60-foot waves approach his little boat.

- a. futile
- b. genteel
- c. innovative
- d. palpable
- e. detrimental

**362.** Moving swiftly and gracefully through the backyard, the cat suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ when she hit the thorny bush.

- a. recoiled
- b. recuperated
- c. invigorated
- d. fabricated
- e. throttled

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**363.** Although others were fooled by “Doctor” Winston’s speech, Lily knew him for what he was: a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. panacea  
b. charlatan  
c. prevarication  
d. accolade  
e. primadonna

**364.** The task of building the cabin was a \_\_\_\_\_ one, but Rob was up to the challenge.  
a. laborious  
b. venerable  
c. archaic  
d. cynical  
e. unbiased

**365.** After the neighbor’s stereo woke her up for the fifth night in a row, Brenda felt \_\_\_\_\_ to complain.  
a. impelled  
b. rebuked  
c. augmented  
d. implicated  
e. destined

**366.** Carter is writing a letter of recommendation that I can include in my \_\_\_\_\_ for prospective employers.  
a. denunciation  
b. panacea  
c. dossier  
d. incantation  
e. restitution

**367.** \_\_\_\_\_ laughter came from the upstairs apartment where Trang was having a graduation party.  
a. Scurrilous  
b. Deleterious  
c. Fatuous  
d. Uproarious  
e. Malicious

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**368.** In the middle of his eloquent \_\_\_\_\_, the audience suddenly broke into applause.

- a. ovation
- b. oration
- c. inclination
- d. provocation
- e. illusion

**369.** I like the \_\_\_\_\_ style of these essays; they make complex issues accessible by presenting them in everyday language.

- a. colloquial
- b. obsolete
- c. pristine
- d. exacting
- e. furtive

**370.** A diamond ring is the \_\_\_\_\_ symbol of love and affection.

- a. precocious
- b. fugacious
- c. supplemental
- d. quintessential
- e. barbarous

**371.** Allen's \_\_\_\_\_ distanced him from his family, but he was still unwilling to apologize.

- a. regeneration
- b. contingency
- c. equivalence
- d. impenitence
- e. innovation

**372.** Nothing will \_\_\_\_\_ my memory of the night we first met; the images are forever burned in my mind.

- a. appease
- b. undulate
- c. inculcate
- d. efface
- e. truncate

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**373.** With the curtains drawn back, the room was \_\_\_\_\_ with warm sunlight.

- a. recessed
- b. intruded
- c. suffused
- d. belied
- e. taut

**374.** The devastating drought forced the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of the rainforest to leave their homes and venture into the modern world.

- a. indigenous
- b. puritanical
- c. indigent
- d. imminent
- e. munificent

**375.** Jason's \_\_\_\_\_ approach to management included narrowing the salary gap between the CEOs and office workers.

- a. stoic
- b. apathetic
- c. utilitarian
- d. endemic
- e. proactive

**Answers**

**351.** d. *Affable* (adj.) means easy and pleasant to speak to, approachable; friendly, warm, gracious.

**352.** e. *Lethargy* (n.) is the state of drowsiness or sluggish inactivity.

**353.** a. *Vista* (n.) means a view or prospect.

**354.** e. *Ornate* (adj.) means richly and artistically finished or stylized.

**355.** d. To *hurtle* (v.) is to rush with great speed; to move violently with great noise; to fling forcefully.

**356.** e. *Rancid* (adj.) means rotten or putrid.

**357.** b. To *desiccate* (v.) means to dry out thoroughly, become dry; to make dry, dull, or lifeless.

**358.** a. *Spartan* (adj.) means rigorously severe (from the Greek city-state Sparta known for its austere and rigid lifestyle); marked by strict self-discipline; characteristically simple or frugal.

**359.** b. *Laconic* (adj.) means curt, concise, but expressing much in a few words; brief and to the point.

**360.** c. *Vapid* (adj.) means dull, lacking life, spirit or substance; tedious.

**361.** d. *Palpable* (adj.) means tangible, noticeable; easily perceived and detected.

**362.** a. To *recoil* (v.) means to jump back suddenly.

**363.** b. A *charlatan* (n.) is someone who makes elaborate, fraudulent claims to having certain skills or knowledge; a quack, imposter, fraud.

**364.** a. *Laborious* (adj.) means characterized by hard work, exertion, or perseverance.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**365.** a. To *impel* (v.) is to motivate; push or drive forward; propel.

**366.** c. A *dossier* (n.) is a collection of papers giving detailed information about a particular person or subject.

**367.** d. *Uproarious* (adj.) means noisy.

**368.** b. An *oration* (n.) is a formal speech for a special occasion.

**369.** a. *Colloquial* (adj.) means characteristic of informal spoken language or conversation; conversational.

**370.** d. *Quintessential* (adj.) is the best and purest part of a thing; the most typical example of a thing.

**371.** d. *Impenitence* (n.) is the trait of refusing to repent; unwilling to show regret for wrongdoing.

**372.** d. To *efface* (v.) means to rub out, erase; to cause to dim or make indistinct; to make or conduct oneself inconspicuously.

**373.** c. To *suffuse* (v.) means to cover or fill the surface of, as in to fill with light.

**374.** a. *Indigenous* (adj.) means originating or being native to a specific region or country; also inherent or natural.

**375.** c. *Utilitarian* (adj.) means related to the ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or beneficial to the greatest number of people.

# Chapter 16

**376.** If people continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the rainforests, soon they will disappear from the earth.

- a. dominate
- b. frolic
- c. laminate
- d. neglect
- e. provoke

**377.** My parents always seem to worry and \_\_\_\_\_ more about money when tax season is approaching.

- a. proximate
- b. quibble
- c. supplicate
- d. dabble
- e. alienate

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**378.** While the king and the members of his court lived in the most opulent luxury, the peasants in his kingdom lived in the most \_\_\_\_\_ poverty.

- a. abject
- b. incessant
- c. relinquished
- d. erratic
- e. lugubrious

**379.** Samantha had an \_\_\_\_\_ trust in her grandfather, who was an honorable man and kind to everyone he met.

- a. implicit
- b. insecure
- c. irreverent
- d. irresolute
- e. astringent

**380.** Antonello searched the forest around his campsite for small branches to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire, so he could eventually cook his dinner.

- a. stifle
- b. kindle
- c. suppress
- d. dissipate
- e. prohibit

**381.** Although I meant it as a compliment, Zander \_\_\_\_\_ my remark as an insult.

- a. construed
- b. eradicated
- c. truncated
- d. permeated
- e. redacted

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**382.** The sailor's \_\_\_\_\_ complexion bespoke his many sunny days at the lookout post.

- a. swarthy
- b. syncopated
- c. pallid
- d. wan
- e. pasty

**383.** Tanya is a \_\_\_\_\_ person, trusted by all who know her.

- a. porous
- b. voracious
- c. spurious
- d. specious
- e. veracious

**384.** After the third relative was hired to an upper-level position, several people quit the company, claiming that \_\_\_\_\_ caused a decline in employee morale.

- a. carrion
- b. explicitness
- c. skepticism
- d. devotion
- e. nepotism

**385.** Genevieve's stunning debut performance at the city opera has earned her \_\_\_\_\_ from some of the city's toughest critics.

- a. antipathy
- b. insinuations
- c. destitution
- d. lamentations
- e. accolades

**386.** The shaggy neon couch was a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in the conservative room decorated with earth tones.

- a. incongruity
- b. insinuation
- c. temerity
- d. reiteration
- e. intonation

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**387.** Harris tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his fear of flying when he boarded the plane, but he could not curb his anxiety.

- a. accelerate
- b. expound
- c. maximize
- d. employ
- e. repress

**388.** Gabi found that whenever she was confused about an idea or issue, writing about it would help \_\_\_\_\_ her true feelings.

- a. vacillate
- b. elucidate
- c. wheedle
- d. deprecate
- e. indoctrinate

**389.** After the powerful windstorm, Marie discovered a splintered and fallen tree limb had \_\_\_\_\_ the vinyl lining of her swimming pool.

- a. extenuated
- b. calculated
- c. retaliated
- d. lacerated
- e. curtailed

**390.** Johnny's good behavior in class yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_ by his disruptive outbursts in Math this morning.

- a. abated
- b. negated
- c. reiterated
- d. mandated
- e. nominated

**391.** Jason and Joshua made \_\_\_\_\_ plans to meet in the cafeteria to study for the test, provided Jason's class ended on time.

- a. beguiling
- b. tenuous
- c. assured
- d. tentative
- e. promotional

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**392.** The professor's lectures were filled with excessive \_\_\_\_\_, lasting much longer than was necessary to convey his ideas.

- a. verbiage
- b. herbage
- c. maliciousness
- d. portent
- e. intrigue

**393.** Ming's blatant lie revealed that he suffered no \_\_\_\_\_ about being dishonest to his parents.

- a. compunction
- b. repudiation
- c. vindication
- d. evanescence
- e. veracity

**394.** Diane, always teasing, was known for her \_\_\_\_\_, but as a result, nobody knew when to take her seriously.

- a. jocularity
- b. servitude
- c. logic
- d. austerity
- e. inclemency

**395.** “Absolute power corrupts absolutely,” said Haines. “There is no such thing as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ who is not a corrupt and cruel ruler.”

- a. imbroglio
- b. pedant
- c. despot
- d. agnostic
- e. archetype

**396.** During his \_\_\_\_\_ in office the mayor made several controversial decisions about city planning.

- a. treatise
- b. integration
- c. teem
- d. flout
- e. tenure

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**397.** Recovering from the tragedy, Helena found the \_\_\_\_\_ sunrise reassuring, as it gave her something to rely on each and every morning.

- a. hidden
- b. clairvoyant
- c. cognizant
- d. deft
- e. quotidian

**398.** Flaws in Claire’s opponent’s chess game showed him to be \_\_\_\_\_, and Claire knew her victory was assured.

- a. predatory
- b. indistinguishable
- c. ornery
- d. invincible
- e. resolute

**399.** The ad didn’t mention a specific salary; it just said “compensation \_\_\_\_\_ with experience.”

- a. compulsory
- b. manifest
- c. prolific
- d. commensurate
- e. precluded

**400.** The \_\_\_\_\_ she felt for shopping made it impossible for her to walk by a sale window without stopping.

- a. providence
- b. blunder
- c. omission
- d. repulsion
- e. estrus

## Answers

**376.** d. To *neglect* (v.) means to be careless about; to fail to care for or to do; to be remiss about.

**377.** b. To *quibble* (v.) means to find fault or criticize for petty reasons.

**378.** a. *Abject* (adj.) means wretched, degraded, debased; of the most contemptible or miserable kind; showing utter resignation or humiliation, groveling, servile.

**379.** a. *Implicit* (adj.) means unquestioning or trusting without doubt; understood rather than directly stated; implied.

**380.** b. *Kindle* (v.) means to cause to burn with flames; to ignite; to set on fire.

**381.** a. To *construe* (v.) is to interpret or understand; to make sense of, explain the meaning of.

**382.** a. *Swarthy* (adj.) means having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion.

**383.** e. *Veracious* (adj.) means truthful, honest; habitually disposed to speak the truth.

**384.** e. *Nepotism* (n.) is favoritism for kin when conferring jobs, offices, or privileges.

**385.** e. An *accolade* (n.) is an award or special acknowledgement signifying approval or distinction.

**386.** a. *Incongruity* (n.) is the quality of being inappropriate or unbecoming; not consistent in character.

**387.** e. To *repress* (v.) means to keep under or restrain; to curb or subdue.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**388.** b. To *elucidate* (v.) means to make clear or manifest; to free from confusion or ambiguity.

**389.** d. To *lacerate* (v.) is to rip, tear, or mangle.

**390.** b. To *negate* (v.) means to nullify, invalidate, or deny.

**391.** d. *Tentative* (adj.) means provisional or uncertain; not fixed or set.

**392.** a. *Verbiage* (n.) means the use of many words without necessity.

**393.** a. *Compunction* (n.) means a feeling of uneasiness or regret caused by a sense of guilt, remorse; a pang of conscience at the thought or act of committing a misdeed.

**394.** a. *Jocularity* (n.) is the state of being jocular, which is characterized by joking or jesting.

**395.** c. A *despot* (n.) is someone who rules with absolute power; a dictator or tyrant.

**396.** e. *Tenure* (n.) means the term during which a thing is held; often used in connection with career positions.

**397.** e. *Quotidian* (adj.) means occurring or returning daily.

**398.** d. *Vincible* (adj.) means conquerable, capable of being defeated or subdued.

**399.** d. *Commensurate* (adj.) means corresponding in size, degree, or extent; proportionate.

**400.** e. An *estrus* (n.) is an irresistible impulse or passion.

# Chapter 17

**401.** The owners of the bed-and-breakfast were extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to their guests, who enjoyed elegant meals, prompt service, and beautifully decorated rooms.

- a. hospitable
- b. hostile
- c. remiss
- d. gallant
- e. indomitable

**402.** Homeless people often lead a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle because they repeatedly get uprooted from the streets and alleys where they live.

- a. aristocratic
- b. platonic
- c. analytic
- d. nomadic
- e. ballistic

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**403.** Linda's \_\_\_\_\_ for picking the right stocks made her a very wealthy woman.

- a. knack
- b. reception
- c. rendition
- d. impropriety
- e. concourse

**404.** Computers and word processing software have made the art of hand-writing letters virtually \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. barren
- b. boisterous
- c. obsolete
- d. dignified
- e. relevant

**405.** Marco has an irresistibly \_\_\_\_\_ manner that many young women find charming and attractive.

- a. obstinate
- b. staid
- c. bland
- d. supple
- e. suave

**406.** Chantel kept the \_\_\_\_\_ of her beloved foremost in her mind as she traveled to countries far and wide in her quest to find him.

- a. prelude
- b. armistice
- c. hirsute
- d. presage
- e. visage

**407.** The cozy beach cottage was only \_\_\_\_\_ for summer tenants because it lacked the insulation to make a winter stay comfortable.

- a. stagnant
- b. erroneous
- c. resilient
- d. habitable
- e. ineffective

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**408.** The settlers decided to build their town at the \_\_\_\_\_ of two rivers; that settlement became the city of Pittsburgh.

- a. veneer
- b. lexicon
- c. hiatus
- d. tirade
- e. confluence

**409.** Furious that Lou had lied about his references, Noi \_\_\_\_\_ her decision to promote him to assistant manager.

- a. elevated
- b. incriminated
- c. complied
- d. rescinded
- e. fortified

**410.** To prove your theory, you need to design an experiment that will provide \_\_\_\_\_ evidence.

- a. perfunctory
- b. elusive
- c. noxious
- d. empirical
- e. lamentable

**411.** Rachel's mother was appalled by the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ humor on television during hours when young children were still awake.

- a. fraudulent
- b. senile
- c. proportional
- d. lascivious
- e. laborious

**412.** The scared boy on the roller coaster made sure his seatbelt was \_\_\_\_\_ across his body.

- a. slack
- b. taut
- c. trite
- d. striated
- e. curt

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**413.** The female fox's \_\_\_\_\_ over her burrow indicates that she has just birthed her young.

- a. vendetta
- b. preening
- c. vigilance
- d. sepulcher
- e. rendezvous

**414.** After Ginger banged her head, she noticed that a large lump began to \_\_\_\_\_ from her forehead.

- a. invade
- b. provoke
- c. sustain
- d. obtrude
- e. elevate

**415.** The devoted fans paid \_\_\_\_\_ to the late singer by placing flowers on his memorial and by holding burning votive candles.

- a. tariffs
- b. accouterment
- c. retrospection
- d. appraisement
- e. homage

**416.** Losing his entire business to the flood, Bill's only \_\_\_\_\_ was to file bankruptcy.

- a. dross
- b. enigma
- c. fervor
- d. imprecation
- e. recourse

**417.** The new evidence convinced the District Attorney to overturn Martin's conviction and \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- a. appropriate
- b. truncate
- c. elucidate
- d. exonerate
- e. protract

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**418.** Christopher hired a tree-trimming crew to cut the \_\_\_\_\_ branches of the pine tree that were scraping the side of his house.

- a. fastidious
- b. lateral
- c. nebulous
- d. abject
- e. recessive

**419.** We both knew our summer romance was \_\_\_\_\_, and we would just be memories in each other's minds by the winter.

- a. restorative
- b. tempting
- c. temporal
- d. understated
- e. indecisive

**420.** The dissatisfied workers spread their \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes among themselves until there was a danger of a full-scale rebellion against the owners of the factory.

- a. paradoxical
- b. monochromatic
- c. benign
- d. virulent
- e. portentous

**421.** The junkyard was littered with \_\_\_\_\_ objects, making it unsightly to the neighborhood behind it.

- a. otiose
- b. obtuse
- c. jovial
- d. decorative
- e. buoyant

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**422.** Although Maya's \_\_\_\_\_ sensibilities are quite different from mine, I think she is a remarkable interior decorator and I recommend her highly.

- a. aesthetic
- b. dialectical
- c. reclusive
- d. synthetic
- e. mercurial

**423.** The meticulous art student arranged her paint colors by a darkening \_\_\_\_\_ on her palette.

- a. limitation
- b. gradation
- c. moratorium
- d. juncture
- e. tincture

**424.** J.P. recalled running through the \_\_\_\_\_ of tall rows of corn stalks that dominated his grandfather's summer garden.

- a. terminals
- b. temperament
- c. labyrinth
- d. basin
- e. deference

**425.** Peter displayed an air of \_\_\_\_\_ when the officer asked him if he knew the speed limit.

- a. omniscience
- b. obstinacy
- c. nescience
- d. obstetrics
- e. platitude

## Answers

**401.** a. *Hospitable* (adj.) means treating guests kindly and generously; being agreeable, receptive or of an open mind.

**402.** d. *Nomadic* (adj.) means roaming from place to place or wandering.

**403.** a. *Knack* (n.) is a natural talent; a clever way of doing something.

**404.** c. *Obsolete* (adj.) means antiquated, disused; discarded.

**405.** e. *Suave* (adj.) means having a smooth and pleasant manner.

**406.** e. *Visage* (n.) means the face, countenance, or look of a person.

**407.** d. *Habitable* (adj.) means acceptable for inhabiting.

**408.** e. *Confluence* (n.) means a flowing or coming together; a gathering or meeting together at a point or juncture; a place where two things come together, the point of juncture.

**409.** d. *Rescinded* (v.) means revoked.

**410.** d. *Empirical* (adj.) means relying on, derived from, or verifiable by; experimental or observational rather than theory.

**411.** d. *Lascivious* (adj.) means lewd, lustful, or wanton.

**412.** b. *Taut* (adj.) means stretched tight.

**413.** c. *Vigilance* (n.) means alert and intent mental watchfulness in guarding against danger.

**414.** d. To *obtrude* (v.) means to stick out, push forward.

**415.** e. *Homage* (n.) is respect paid publicly; reverence rendered; deference.

**416.** e. *Recourse* (n.) means a last option or way out.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**417.** d. To *exonerate* (v.) means to free from blame or guilt, absolve; to release from a responsibility or obligation, discharge.

**418.** b. *Lateral* (adj.) means pertaining to or extending from the side.

**419.** c. *Temporal* (adj.) means enduring for a short time; transitory.

**420.** d. *Virulent* (adj.) means exceedingly noxious, deleterious, or hateful.

**421.** a. *Otiose* (adj.) means needless, functionless; unemployed or useless.

**422.** a. *Aesthetic* (adj.) means concerning or characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good taste; characterized by a heightened sensitivity to beauty, artistic.

**423.** b. *Gradation* (n.) is the changing of a color, shade, or tint to another by gradual degrees; the process of bringing to another grade in a series; a stage or degree in such a series.

**424.** c. *Labyrinth* (n.) is a maze of paths or a complicated system of pathways in which it is challenging to find the exit; something extremely complex in structure or character.

**425.** c. *Nescience* (n.) is ignorance, or the absence of knowledge.

# Chapter 18

**426.** I have tried for years to get close to my brother Rae, but he has always remained \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. cognizant
- b. assiduous
- c. vociferous
- d. aloof
- e. accommodating

**427.** In his later years, the once wildly successful gambler lost his fortune, and became a homeless \_\_\_\_\_ on the streets of Las Vegas.

- a. granger
- b. miser
- c. strategist
- d. vagabond
- e. speculator

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**428.** \_\_\_\_\_ animals are able to survive easily in the wilderness because, for example, they can live on berries or insects.

- a. Omnipotent
- b. Omnivorous
- c. Luminous
- d. Lavish
- e. Precarious

**429.** Sally had planted the seeds in the greenhouse three weeks ago; they would begin to \_\_\_\_\_ any day now.

- a. germinate
- b. revolve
- c. tint
- d. ratify
- e. modulate

**430.** Julia's parents gave her one \_\_\_\_\_ regarding her new job: It could not interfere with her schoolwork.

- a. procession
- b. consensus
- c. manifestation
- d. provision
- e. reprieve

**431.** Despite enthusiastic efforts from the supporting cast, the critics agreed the star of the play gave a \_\_\_\_\_ performance, ruining the chance of lucrative box office sales.

- a. infallible
- b. vigorous
- c. victorious
- d. felicitous
- e. lackluster

**432.** The tenor's \_\_\_\_\_ voice filled the concert hall.

- a. sinuous
- b. timid
- c. tenuous
- d. sonorous
- e. striated

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**433.** After the fire, there were ashes in every \_\_\_\_\_ of the old farmhouse.

- a. belfry
- b. reprieve
- c. tangent
- d. orifice
- e. tribunal

**434.** Luanne experiences serious \_\_\_\_\_ whenever she climbs several flights of steep stairs.

- a. vertigo
- b. inebriation
- c. exoneration
- d. fallacy
- e. plethora

**435.** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the successful product idea was attributed to the extraordinarily creative company president.

- a. demise
- b. genesis
- c. symmetry
- d. repletion
- e. dominion

**436.** When the company reached its \_\_\_\_\_ of hiring one hundred college graduates, they proceeded to recruit older, more experienced candidates.

- a. quota
- b. hybrid
- c. detriment
- d. fiasco
- e. malady

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**437.** After her extended illness, Delia experienced a long period of \_\_\_\_\_ when she did not want to work, exercise, or clean.

- a. languor
- b. arrogance
- c. insolence
- d. forethought
- e. recompense

**438.** Floyd has a distinctive \_\_\_\_\_ to his voice—easily recognizable over the phone.

- a. viscosity
- b. brawn
- c. timbre
- d. diadem
- e. ingenuity

**439.** The house was consumed in flames and not a \_\_\_\_\_ of it remained after the fire.

- a. vestige
- b. visage
- c. vestibule
- d. vicissitude
- e. viceroy

**440.** David felt as if the family picnic would be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ time to talk with his grandmother about her plans for the holidays.

- a. opportune
- b. disastrous
- c. unctuous
- d. trite
- e. surly

**441.** The children were \_\_\_\_\_ for eating the whole batch of cookies before dinner.

- a. indignant
- b. belittled
- c. chagrined
- d. eluded
- e. admonished

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**442.** During his routine, the stand-up comic refused to be shaken by the heckler who \_\_\_\_\_ him every few minutes.

- a. ignored
- b. abetted
- c. enforced
- d. gibed
- e. cited

**443.** Going away for spring break was not in the \_\_\_\_\_ of possibility, since neither Helga nor Olga had any money.

- a. fascism
- b. fulcrum
- c. introversion
- d. realm
- e. nadir

**444.** Oscar \_\_\_\_\_ his sister not to tell their mother what he had done, for he knew his punishment would be severe.

- a. beguiled
- b. vied
- c. exhorted
- d. maligned
- e. corroborated

**445.** \_\_\_\_\_ were in order as James performed brilliantly on stage in his first role as an understudy.

- a. Pathos
- b. Ignominies
- c. Kudos
- d. Subsidies
- e. Statutes

**446.** The Boston Tea Party happened because the Americans believed the British tea taxes were \_\_\_\_\_ the rights of the colonists.

- a. trespassing
- b. reviling
- c. sublimating
- d. transgressing
- e. entreating

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**447.** The old bridge's steel \_\_\_\_\_ were rusty and in need of repair.

- a. piers
- b. campaniles
- c. manacles
- d. girders
- e. spindles

**448.** The budding flowers, warm breezes, and birth of young animals suggest the much-welcomed \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere in the country after a long, hard winter.

- a. venial
- b. menial
- c. venal
- d. vernal
- e. verbal

**449.** Since she had not exercised in five years, Margarita attempt to jog five miles on her first day of cardio-training was a little \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. pessimistic
- b. irrelevant
- c. trivial
- d. quixotic
- e. relieved

**450.** The legal internship program was developed under the \_\_\_\_\_ of the district attorney's office.

- a. bastion
- b. propensity
- c. aegis
- d. faction
- e. cacophony

## Answers

**426.** d. *Aloof* (adj.) means physically or emotionally distant; reserved, remote.

**427.** d. A *vagabond* (n.) is a wanderer; a person who does not have a permanent home.

**428.** b. *Omnivorous* (adj.) means feeding on both animal and vegetable substances; having an insatiable appetite for anything.

**429.** a. To *germinate* (v.) means to begin to grow or sprout; to cause to come into existence or develop.

**430.** d. A *provision* (n.) is a stipulation or qualification; a stock of supplies.

**431.** e. *Lackluster* (adj.) means lacking liveliness or brightness; dull.

**432.** d. *Sonorous* (adj.) means producing sound; impressive or grand in effect.

**433.** d. An *orifice* (n.) is an opening, a hole; a perforation; a mouth or hole through which something may pass.

**434.** a. *Vertigo* (n.) is dizziness often caused by experiencing heights.

**435.** b. *Genesis* (n.) is the origin, beginning, or foundation; the act of forming something new; the first event in a series of events.

**436.** a. A *quota* (n.) is a proportional share.

**437.** a. *Languor* (n.) is a lack of energy or interest; a feeling of being without spirit; sluggishness.

**438.** c. *Timbre* (n.) is the quality of a tone, as distinguished from intensity and pitch.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**439.** a. *Vestige* (n.) means a visible trace, mark, or impression, of something absent, lost, or gone.

**440.** a. *Opportune* (adj.) means well-timed or convenient.

**441.** e. To *admonish* (v.) means to reprove kindly but seriously; to warn or counsel; to instruct or remind, as of a forgotten responsibility.

**442.** d. To *gibe* (v.) means to taunt or jeer; to utter a taunting or sarcastic remark.

**443.** d. A *realm* (n.) is a knowledge domain that you are interested in; a kingdom or domain.

**444.** c. To *exhort* (v.) means to urge strongly with a stirring argument, appeal, or advice; to make an urgent appeal.

**445.** c. *Kudos* (n.) are complimentary remarks; expressions of praise.

**446.** d. To *transgress* (v.) means to go beyond the limit or bounds of; usually in connection with a law.

**447.** d. A *girder* (n.) is a large horizontal beam, made of wood, steel, or concrete, to support weight or span an opening.

**448.** d. *Vernal* (adj.) means belonging to or suggestive of the spring.

**449.** d. *Quixotic* (adj.) means idealistic without regard for practicality.

**450.** c. *Aegis* (n.) means sponsorship or patronage; guidance or direction; or protection.



# Chapter 19

**451.** Frank feels such \_\_\_\_\_ towards his ex-business partner that he cannot stand to be in the same room with him.

- a. iniquity
- b. collusion
- c. avarice
- d. pallor
- e. animosity

**452.** Ronaldo celebrated the gathering of his \_\_\_\_\_ on Thanksgiving Day and spoke with relatives he had not seen in a long time.

- a. commonwealth
- b. surrogates
- c. representatives
- d. kindred
- e. infidels

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**453.** After sitting in the contentious board meeting for two hours, Allen's necktie began to feel like a \_\_\_\_\_ around his neck.

- a. decorum
- b. garland
- c. noose
- d. renegade
- e. monstrosity

**454.** Even though he hated to work holidays and weekends, Trevor hoped that his paycheck would serve as \_\_\_\_\_ for the time spent away from his family.

- a. metamorphism
- b. restitution
- c. enunciation
- d. proclamation
- e. kismet

**455.** Amanda's parents were shocked by her \_\_\_\_\_ decision to quit her job without notice and move to Hollywood.

- a. conscientious
- b. affable
- c. placid
- d. languid
- e. impetuous

**456.** The catlike movements of the sneaky \_\_\_\_\_ served him well when he picked pockets among the tourists on the crowded boardwalk.

- a. forerunner
- b. knave
- c. vigilante
- d. dignitary
- e. bureaucrat

**457.** The student's \_\_\_\_\_ language offended many others in the class.

- a. obsequious
- b. studious
- c. scanty
- d. surreptitious
- e. scurrilous

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**458.** In winter, the frost on a car’s windshield can be \_\_\_\_\_ to the driver.

- a. lurid
- b. obstructive
- c. cynical
- d. purified
- e. salvageable

**459.** The prom was a \_\_\_\_\_ royal ball with so many handsome young men and beautiful young ladies dressed to the ultimate formality.

- a. affable
- b. virtual
- c. corrosive
- d. deleterious
- e. inevitable

**460.** As the roller coaster inched to the top of the hill, Helena could feel her heart begin to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. exfoliate
- b. dominate
- c. reattribute
- d. palpitate
- e. ventilate

**461.** Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ humor is sometimes lost on those who take his comments too literally.

- a. piquant
- b. wry
- c. florid
- d. placid
- e. negligible

**462.** Hearing her sister approach, Marie-Helene attempted to appear \_\_\_\_\_ as she quickly hid the birthday gift behind her back.

- a. flamboyant
- b. stoic
- c. pivotal
- d. crass
- e. nonchalant

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**463.** The knight sought to \_\_\_\_\_ his broadsword in such a menacing fashion as to frighten his attacker away.

- a. warrant
- b. procure
- c. placate
- d. wield
- e. ensue

**464.** At the banquet, the disappearance of the woman's jeweled bracelet from her wrist appeared to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of an accomplished thief.

- a. attrition
- b. sledge
- c. sleight
- d. dismaston
- e. regalia

**465.** Something went \_\_\_\_\_ in our experiment, and instead of creating a green odorless vapor, we ended up with a noxious red liquid that stunk up the laboratory for days.

- a. hoary
- b. awry
- c. listless
- d. derogatory
- e. dilatory

**466.** When the movie star slipped out the back door of the hotel, the paparazzi adroitly gathered their \_\_\_\_\_ and raced around the building to catch her.

- a. pandemonium
- b. tenor
- c. paraphernalia
- d. venue
- e. propaganda

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**467.** Since Shane won the lottery, he has been living a life of \_\_\_\_\_ luxury, buying whatever he desires and traveling around the world in his 100-foot yacht as he is waited on hand and foot by a bevy of butlers, cooks, and maids.

- a. arrant
- b. vitriolic
- c. ribald
- d. seditious
- e. fatuous

**468.** Confronted by his mother, the \_\_\_\_\_ four-year-old could not lie about scribbling on his bedroom walls with purple and blue markers.

- a. guileless
- b. inauspicious
- c. untarnished
- d. indiscriminate
- e. vexed

**469.** The artist attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the painting by adding people dressed in bright colors in the foreground.

- a. excoriate
- b. amplify
- c. eradicate
- d. vivify
- e. inculcate

**470.** The artist drew the picture with such \_\_\_\_\_ that it was possible to count every blade of grass that he painted.

- a. blasphemy
- b. philosophy
- c. nicety
- d. consensus
- e. purveyance

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**471.** The highly publicized nature of the trial caused the judge to \_\_\_\_\_ the jury in order to shield members from evidence that might sway their verdict.

- a. quarantine
- b. retract
- c. sequester
- d. integrate
- e. assimilate

**472.** Jillian was \_\_\_\_\_ by the contradictory diagnoses she received and decided she needed a third opinion.

- a. intimidated
- b. effaced
- c. girded
- d. usurped
- e. bemused

**473.** Because he was antsy from having eaten too much candy, little William was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ himself in a respectable manner during the ceremony.

- a. garner
- b. quell
- c. surmise
- d. comport
- e. subjugate

**474.** The chemistry professor believed her students could do better on their exams by searching for their own answers, and encouraged the class to apply the \_\_\_\_\_ method to prepare.

- a. punctilious
- b. nonconformist
- c. salubrious
- d. heuristic
- e. determinate

**501 Sentence Completion Questions**

**475.** Bea was known for her loud and domineering personality and was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ by many who knew her.

- a. banality
- b. debutante
- c. scapegoat
- d. trifle
- e. virago

## Answers

**451.** e. *Animosity* (n.) means bitter, open hostility or enmity; energetic dislike.

**452.** d. *Kindred* (n.) is a group of people related to each other by birth or marriage.

**453.** c. A *noose* (n.) is a loop with slipknot, tightening when pulled.

**454.** b. *Restitution* (n.) is a restoration of what is lost or taken away, especially unjustly.

**455.** e. *Impetuous* (adj.) means impulsive or passionate; characterized by sudden emotion or energy.

**456.** b. *Knave* (n.) is a dishonest, deceitful, or unreliable person.

**457.** e. *Scurrilous* (adj.) means grossly indecent or vulgar; offensive.

**458.** b. *Obstructive* (adj.) means blocking, hindering; obscuring.

**459.** b. *Virtual* (adj.) means being in essence or effect, but not in actual fact.

**460.** d. To *palpitate* (v.) is to flutter or move with slight throbs.

**461.** b. *Wry* (adj.) means ironic, cynical, or sardonic.

**462.** e. *Nonchalant* (adj.) means casual, indifferent.

**463.** d. To *wield* (v.) means to use, control, or manage, as a weapon, or instrument, especially with full command.

**464.** c. A *sleight* (n.) means a trick or feat so deftly done that the manner of performance escapes observation.

**465.** b. *Awry* (adj.) means off-course, amiss; turned or twisted toward one side, askew; not functioning properly.

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**466.** c. *Paraphernalia* (n.) are miscellaneous articles needed for particular professions, information, or operation.

**467.** a. *Arrant* (adj.) means complete, absolute, utter.

**468.** a. *Guileless* (adj.) means to be without guile; straightforward; honest; frank.

**469.** d. To *vivify* (v.) means to give or bring life to; to animate.

**470.** c. *Nicety* (n.) means precision, accuracy; a subtle distinction or detail; the state of being nice.

**471.** c. To *sequester* (v.) means to separate, segregate, seclude; cause to withdraw or retire, as with juries.

**472.** e. *Bemused* (adj.) means deeply absorbed in thought; bewildered or perplexed by many conflicting situations or statements.

**473.** d. To *comport* (v.) means to conduct or behave (oneself) in a certain manner; to agree, accord, or harmonize.

**474.** d. *Heuristic* (adj.) means stimulating further investigation; encouraging learning through discoveries made by a student.

**475.** e. *Virago* (n.) means a bold, impudent, turbulent woman.



# Chapter 20

**476.** Even though he was only in kindergarten, Joel was very \_\_\_\_\_ and could intuit when his teacher was not pleased with his behavior.

- a. obtuse
- b. oblivious
- c. inept
- d. perceptive
- e. indolent

**477.** During his many years of hard work, Paul was promoted several times and began to rise through the bank's \_\_\_\_\_ of employees.

- a. declassification
- b. surplus
- c. hierarchy
- d. principality
- e. dominion

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**478.** The heat was absolutely \_\_\_\_\_, making everyone irritable, sweaty, and uncomfortable.

- a. taciturn
- b. salient
- c. replete
- d. prosaic
- e. oppressive

**479.** The biology students were assigned the task of testing the \_\_\_\_\_, but did not have enough time to prove its validity.

- a. lexicon
- b. hypothesis
- c. motif
- d. platitude
- e. genesis

**480.** It had rained all afternoon, but the fans were still \_\_\_\_\_ that the baseball game would still be played.

- a. pessimistic
- b. sadistic
- c. optimistic
- d. domineering
- e. truant

**481.** If you have any special needs or requests, speak to Val; she's the one with the most \_\_\_\_\_ around here.

- a. synergy
- b. clout
- c. affinity
- d. guile
- e. infamy

**482.** Because Virgil had been so \_\_\_\_\_ as a child, he had an extremely difficult time adjusting when he enrolled in the military academy.

- a. fettered
- b. intrepid
- c. coddled
- d. pallid
- e. odious

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**483.** Far from being a \_\_\_\_\_, Bob gets up at dawn every morning to prepare for a long day at work after which he attends classes in evening.

- a. moderator
- b. drone
- c. replica
- d. sycophant
- e. sluggard

**484.** The vulgarity used by the football fans at the stadium was \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually lead to a penalty for the team.

- a. rakish
- b. quiescent
- c. sagacious
- d. reproachable
- e. mundane

**485.** After the debate, Karim \_\_\_\_\_ upon many of the campaign issues in a series of detailed editorials.

- a. expounded
- b. ebbed
- c. doffed
- d. temporized
- e. wrought

**486.** Since the judge hearing the case was related to one of the defendants, she felt she could not offer a truly \_\_\_\_\_ opinion.

- a. unbiased
- b. indifferent
- c. unilateral
- d. uninterested
- e. understated

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**487.** Abdul found his ten-hour shifts at the paper clip factory repetitive and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. fatuous  
b. nebulous  
c. malleable  
d. indelible  
e. wearisome

**488.** Jonelle is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of the kind of student we seek: someone who is both academically strong and actively involved in the community.  
a. paradox  
b. exemplar  
c. catalyst  
d. mandate  
e. harbinger

**489.** Tomas is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ businessman who knows a good opportunity when he sees it.  
a. insolent  
b. astute  
c. mercurial  
d. indifferent  
e. volatile

**490.** Sean would \_\_\_\_\_ whenever it became his turn to do the dishes.  
a. premeditate  
b. palter  
c. reform  
d. distend  
e. ponder

**491.** The barnyard scene outside the 4-H tent made a charming \_\_\_\_\_ for visitors to the state fair.  
a. melee  
b. tabloid  
c. tableau  
d. rant  
e. tangent

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**492.** The jellyfish, known for its shimmering \_\_\_\_\_, is one of nature's most intriguing creatures.

- a. resonance
- b. opulence
- c. didactics
- d. omniscience
- e. translucence

**493.** A decade after the \_\_\_\_\_, the members of the tribe began to drift home again, hoping to rebuild the community they had fled during the war.

- a. kowtow
- b. redaction
- c. cloister
- d. diaspora
- e. chimera

**494.** After performing a \_\_\_\_\_ of the cow, scientists determined that it did not have mad cow disease, and there was no need to notify the board of health.

- a. extrapolation
- b. interrogation
- c. interment
- d. elongation
- e. vivisection

**495.** Charged with moral \_\_\_\_\_, the judge was called off the case even though he denied receiving bribes from the plaintiff's counsel.

- a. lassitude
- b. restitution
- c. turpitude
- d. torpor
- e. vicissitude

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**496.** I knew from Inga’s \_\_\_\_\_ reply that she was offended by my question.

- a. sinuous
- b. vivacious
- c. sinister
- d. garrulous
- e. brusque

**497.** The cult leader’s \_\_\_\_\_ obeyed his every instruction.

- a. predecessors
- b. sycophants
- c. narcissists
- d. panderers
- e. elocutionists

**498.** The \_\_\_\_\_ wallpaper in his living room makes it difficult to find curtains and furniture that will match it.

- a. blunt
- b. fatuous
- c. verbose
- d. variegated
- e. meticulous

**499.** Homer’s *Odyssey* was not translated into many people’s \_\_\_\_\_ until after the invention of the printing press.

- a. caste
- b. epicure
- c. vernacular
- d. debutant
- e. nomenclature

**500.** *Don Quixote* describes the adventures of a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ knight who believes that windmills are giants and the barmaid Dulcinea is a princess.

- a. gregarious
- b. eloquent
- c. fickle
- d. errant
- e. steadfast

### 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**501.** The \_\_\_\_\_ espionage plot was so sophisticated it was impossible to believe it was the work of teenage computer hackers.

- a. simple
- b. vaporized
- c. byzantine
- d. mystical
- e. fusty

## Answers

**476.** d. *Perceptive* (adj.) means having the ability to understand and be sensitive to.

**477.** c. *Hierarchy* (n.) is a series or system of people or things that are graded or ranked; a group of persons in authority.

**478.** e. *Oppressive* (adj.) means unreasonably burdensome; heavy.

**479.** b. *Hypothesis* (n.) is a proposition, believed to be probable, which is adopted to explain certain facts and which can be further tested.

**480.** c. *Optimistic* (adj.) means taking the most hopeful view; feeling that everything in nature is for the best.

**481.** b. *Clout* (n.) means influence, pull, or sway; power or muscle; a strike or blow, especially with the fist.

**482.** c. To *coddle* (v.) means to treat with excessive indulgence or tenderness, to baby or pamper. It also means to cook in water just below the boiling point.

**483.** e. A *sluggard* (n.) is a person who is habitually lazy or idle.

**484.** a. *Reproachable* (adj.) means needing rebuke or censure; in a manner that is severe or cutting.

**485.** a. To *expound* (v.) means to explain in detail, elaborate; to give a detailed statement or account of.

**486.** a. *Unbiased* (adj.) means completely impartial to, as in judgment.

**487.** e. *Wearisome* (adj.) means fatiguing or tiresome.

**488.** b. An *exemplar* (n.) is one who is worthy of imitation, a model or ideal; a typical or representative example.

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**489.** b. *Astute* (adj.) means having or showing intelligence and shrewdness; keen, discerning.

**490.** b. To *palter* (v.) is to act insincerely; to haggle; to play tricks; equivocate.

**491.** c. A *tableau* (n.) is an arrangement of inanimate figures representing a scene from real life.

**492.** e. *Translucence* (n.) means the property or state of allowing the passage of light.

**493.** d. A *diaspora* (n.) is a dispersion of people from their original homeland, or the community formed by such a people; the dispersion of an originally homogeneous group or entity, such as a language or culture.

**494.** e. *Vivisection* (n.) means the dissection of an animal, particularly for scientific research.

**495.** c. *Turpitude* (n.) means depravity; any action that violates accepted standards.

**496.** e. *Brusque* (adj.) means abrupt, curt, or blunt in a discourteous manner.

**497.** b. A *sycophant* (n.) is a servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.

**498.** d. *Variegated* (adj.) means marked with different shades or colors.

**499.** c. *Vernacular* (n.) means the language of one's country.

**500.** d. *Errant* (adj.) means wandering, roving, especially in search of adventure; straying beyond the established course or limits.

## 501 Sentence Completion Questions

**501.** c. *Byzantine* (adj.) means highly complicated, intricate or involved; characterized by elaborate scheming and intrigue, devious; of or relating to or characteristic of the Byzantine Empire or ancient Byzantium, especially its architectural style; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church.